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TRUSTEES' MINUTES FOR 1946

Tallahassee, Florida
July 2, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

On May 15th, 1946, the Trustees ordered advertised for objections only land in Duval County applied for by Clifford H. Payne with offer of $150.00. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Florida, in the issues of May 31, June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 21st, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11 o'clock A. M., July 2nd, 1946, for lands in DUVAL COUNTY, described as follows:

All that parcel or tract of marsh land in Duval County, Florida, located in Township 1 South, Range 28 East bounded on the North by the St. Johns River and lying between said river and Section 47 of said township and range, the easterly boundary of said Section 47 being Shipyard Creek and the westerly boundary being the boundary between said section and Section 49 of same township and range. The parcel herein described is contained between the projection riverward of the easterly boundary,

which is Shipyard Creek, and the westerly boundary of said Section 47 and contains 50 acres, more or less.

(Exact description to be furnished with deed).

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for objections and W. Gregory Smith, on behalf of North Shore Corporation, filed protest to the sale on the ground that his client was successor in title to original grantee, Jacksonville & Atlantic Railway Company; that applicant claims to have discovered marsh lands that the railroad company did not take up, but that there is no such land, the Trustees having parted with title by deed in 1893.

Upon suggestion of the Governor, agreed to by other members, action was deferred and both parties requested to submit written statement of any facts they desired, such memoranda to be referred to the Engineer and special attorney of the Board, and brought back to the Board for further consideration.

Upon application from Keen & O'Kelley, on behalf of Karl Bickel, the Trustees authorized advertisement of Sarasota County land for objections only, with bid of $150.00 an acre, and the following notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on May 31, June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 25th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., July 2nd, 1946, for land in SARASOTA COUNTY, described as follows:

Beginning at the NW corner of Lot 1 of Block F of a plat of Central Broadway, as recorded in plat book 2, page 17 of the public records of Sarasota County; thence west 652.68 feet; thence north 25 feet; thence west 200.2 feet; thence south 110 feet; thence east 598 feet; thence south 163 feet; thence north 71 degrees 25 minutes east 148 feet; thence north 46 degrees 57 minutes east 162 feet; thence north 85.25 feet to the point of beginning and containing 2.07 acres. Being in Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 17 East.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, no objections were filed, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Bickel at the price agreed upon, $150.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon application from W. D. Jones, Jr., with offer of $1,000.00 an acre from Indian Creek Country Club, Inc., the Trustees on May 15, 1946, authorized the land advertised for sale, subject to objections only, and the following notice was published in the Miami Herald on May 31, June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 20th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11 o'clock A. M., July 2nd, 1946, the following described lands in DADE COUNTY:

Commence at the northeast corner of fractional Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 42 East; run thence South 1 degree 41 minutes 45 seconds East 1043.68 ft. to a point; run thence South 74 degrees 10 minutes 41 seconds West 209.78 ft. to a point; run thence South 88 degrees 32 minutes West 2410 ft. to a point as and for the point of beginning; run thence South 1 degree 41 minutes 45 seconds East 720 ft. to a point; run thence South 88 degrees 32 minutes West 200 ft. to a point; run thence North 1 degree 41 minutes 45 seconds West 540 ft. to a point; run thence to the point of beginning; said area thus described containing 126,000 sq. ft. or 2.89 acres, more or less.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

It was explained that the land advertised was adjacent to property of Indian Creek Country Club, Inc. and they had agreed that no improvements or changes would be made; that it was being purchased for the purpose of retaining it in its present state.

Upon the property being called out for sale, no objections were presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees confirm sale to Indian Creek Country Club, Inc., at the price offered, conditioned that the area remain in its present state, without any improvements or changes being made. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

On May 21st, application was presented from Roux Smith, on behalf of eight property owners of Block 3, Mitchell's Beach Subdivision, with offer of $200.00 an

acre, and the Trustees ordered the land advertised for objections only. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 28th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., July 2nd, 1946, for lands in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

Naturally filled land west of Block 3, Mitchell's Beach Subdivision, Section 15-31-15, including that part of land between the original high water mark, which was approximately 50 feet South and West of the West boundary of said Block 3 at the time of recording of said Mitchell's Beach Subdivision, and the present high water mark which lies south and west of the last described high water mark, between 75 and 100 ft., and containing approximately 1 acre.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, no objections were filed, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of the following parties upon payment of $200.00 an acre:

I. Schuster and Rae Schuster.
Frank P. Partridge and Violet C. Partridge.
Catherine H. Brewer (Smith).
John Baker and Bazil McDowell.
Mrs. Cora C. Todd.

R. L. Parham and Irene Parham.
James S. Tuttle and Verna U. Tuttle.
Charles Carson Vines and Gladys Maude Vines.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

On May 15th, 1946, the Trustees agreed to advertise for bids Sarasota County land applied for by Lewis H. Hill, Jr., on behalf of A. C. Frizzell, with offer of $6.50 an acre. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on May 31, June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 20th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11 o'clock A. M., July 2nd, 1946, the following described lands in SARASOTA COUNTY:

NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 28, Township 39 South, Range 21 East, containing 40 acres.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for bids, Mr. Hill, for Mr. Frizzell, and W. B. Pearce competed in bidding, resulting in the highest bid of $15.25 being offered by A. C. Frizzell.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept bid from Mr. Frizzell for the land advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented May 15, 1946, from E. B. Savage for purchase of Levy County land, and the Trustees ordered the land advertised on bid of $5.00 an acre. The following Notice was published in the Bronson Journal on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 21st, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., July 2nd, 1946, for lands in LEVY COUNTY, described as follows:

SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 10, Township 14 South, Range 17 East, containing 40 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for bids, the highest offer received was $5.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the land as described be sold to Mr. Savage at $5.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees on May 15, 1946, agreed to advertise for bids land in Highlands County, applied for by J. M. Gilbert with offer of $30.00 an acre. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the Avon Park Sun on June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 29th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. July 2nd, 1946, for lands in HIGHLANDS COUNTY, described as follows:

Lots 2, 3 and 4, Section 32, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, containing 70.31 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, J. M. Gilbert and John W. Watson competed in bidding, resulting in a high bid of $58.00 an acre being offered by John W. Watson.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept bid from Mr. Watson for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on offer of $75.00 an acre from J. A. Franklin, on behalf of A. L. Crow, the Trustees on May 15th authorized advertisement of Lee County land on Pine Island fill, and the following Notice was published in the Fort Myers News Press on May 31, June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 21st, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids and objections,

in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. July 2nd, 1946, for lands in LEE COUNTY, described as follows:

From west line of Section 24; thence Northeasterly along center of State Road 183, 2090 feet to point of beginning, this being the Northeasterly boundary of Government Lot 1, West Island; thence continue Northeasterly in center of State Road 183, 798 feet to Easterly shore of West Island; thence Northerly, Westerly and Southerly around shore line of West Island to Northeasterly boundary of Government Lot 1, West Island, Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 22 East; thence Southeasterly along boundary line of Government Lot 1, West Island, to point of beginning, containing approximately 50 acres.

Said North part of West Island being situate principally in NW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 22 East.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells explained that there were a number of houses already constructed on this tract and Mr. Crow had agreed that if his bid was accepted, persons who had built houses would be entitled to receive conveyance from the Trustees of the house and a fifty-foot lot at the price fixed by the Trustees on the entire acreage; that one other party—Mrs. William Sutton—has the use of a vacant parcel and it is agreed that she be given the same consideration as others—the right to purchase at $75.00 an acre; that the remainder of the land be deeded to Mr. Crow.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept $75.00 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Crow, with the understanding

that conveyance be made to parties having homes built on the land, and the vacant lot to Mrs. Sutton, with the remainder to be conveyed to Mr. Crow. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

It was understood that plat showing the various claims with descriptions applicable to each be furnished the Land Office for making conveyances.

Application was presented from Carl O. Olson for five-year grazing lease on

> W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, containing 40 acres in Dade County,

with offer of fifty cents (50c) an acre annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize lease applied for by Mr. Olson at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $50.00 was submitted from Carmen Salvatore, on behalf of Pahokee American Legion, for a parcel of sovereignty land described as:

> Adjacent to an unnumbered lot between Lots A-67 and A-68, Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, containing approximately 1/9 of an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer for the land described and authorize deed executed in favor of Pahokee American Legion. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from John Morris on behalf of Thomas L. McKey, Courtney Stewart, J. E. Whitbeck and Roy J. McCrary, for purchase of

> Approximately 19 acres of submerged land in Section 36, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, Broward County,

at a price of $100.00 an acre.

Appraisal on the land being in excess of $100.00 an acre, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer be declined and counter proposal made to advertise the land for objections provided applicants will agree to bid not less than $175.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $10,000.00 was presented from William Pitchford for purchase of sovereignty land described as:

> That part of a certain spoil bank dredged from St. Lucie Inlet channel, located at the east end of the South line of the N 1/2 of Hanson Grant, lying south and east of present County road, and being in Section 12, Township 38 South, Range 41 East, Containing approximately 13 acres in Martin County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids and objections, based on offer of $10,000.00 for the parcel. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the following applications, appraisal in each case being in excess of offers:

> Bryant & Lounsbury—Offer of $20.00 an acre for W 1/2 of Sections 3, 10 and 15, and $25.00 an acre for NW 1/4 and E 1/2 of Section 9, all in Township 58 South, Range 39 East, Dade County—1440 acres;
>
> Jay B. Cooper and Mrs. Ethel M. Hauk—Offer of $1,000.00 for approximately six acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property on Biscayne Bay, Dade County;
>
> Charlie Mitchell on behalf of E. W. Knight—Offer of $10.00 an acre for undetermined area of submerged land adjacent to upland ownership in Lot 5, Section 31, Township 32 South, Range 40 East, Indian River County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from L. Y. Lee and Louis Villochi for five-year commercial sand lease in Lake Harris, Lake County, adjacent to their property on the Lake. Offer of ten cents (10c) per cubic yard was made for the sand.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize sand lease as applied for upon payment of ten cents per cubic yard, with minimum monthly payment of $12.50. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Proposal was submitted from Ham Baskin for assignment of Mortgage #17694 involving 34.53 acres of land in

Sections 8, 9, 16, and 17, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County,

offering to pay $150.00 an acre for such assignment.

Information was furnished that mortgage deed was executed by Ed Haley July 9, 1926, together with three promissory notes aggregating $3,884.64; that the land sold at that time at $150.00 an acre and one-fourth the purchase price was paid cash. Applicant agrees to accept assignment without recourse.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees have the land appraised before taking action on the proposal. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. LeRoy Collins presented request on behalf of Seaboard Airline Railway Company for right of way through State land in Dade County, along Miami Canal.

Without objection action was deferred on the application and the Secretary and Land Clerk were requested to submit report and recommendations at the next meeting. It was so ordered.

Mr. Wells submitted report from the Attorney General and himself, pursuant to action of the Trustees, on application from Thomas L. Glenn that the Trustees deed him one-fourth of the land covered by Mortgage #17542 executed by W. B. Harvard involving Sarasota County land, and allow him to purchase outright the remainder at $5.00 an acre. Recommendation contained in report is as follows:

1. That the Trustees offer to convey to Mr. Glenn one-fourth in acreage of the land involved, this one-fourth to be jointly selected by Mr. Glenn and the Trustees, without monetary consideration, and in return for (1) payment by Mr. Glenn of unpaid taxes on the three-fourths of said land to be retained by the State and (2) conveyance by Mr. Glenn of his tax deed interest on said three-fourths.

2. If Mr. Glenn is willing to accede to this proposal, then his further request that the Trustees convey to him the three-fourths retained by the State at $5 an acre will be

considered with, of course, the understanding that any sale of such acreage will have to be after notice and with competition.

Mr. Wells explained that Mr. Glenn had been advised of the recommendation but had not indicated whether or not he would abide by the terms thereof.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees deny request from Mr. Glenn and advise him that consideration would be given to an offer to purchase the land at a fair price. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. G. E. Ferguson, District Engineer of the United States Geological Survey, reported that the allocation of $2500.00 from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for cooperating in hydrological surveys had been expended together with an equal amount in contributions from local interests, the total of both amounts being matched by the Federal Government; that the period for which these amounts were made available expired June 30, 1946. He further stated the U. S. Geological Survey was desirous of continuing the work which is becoming increasingly useful in the State to those responsible for regulating and conserving lake water, and it was recommended that participation by the Trustees be continued for the year 1946-1947 by allocation of $4000.00 for the period, with $4000.00 expected local contributions and the total of both—$8000.00—to be matched by the Federal Government.

Mr. Ferguson explained the work being done and its importance to the State and urged that the Trustees continue participation.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees make available $4000.00 for participation in the hydrological survey being made by the Federal Government with the understanding that an equal amount will be contributed by local interests and $8000.00 provided by the Federal Government. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Commissioner Mayo recommended and offered a motion that the Trustees employ an assistant engineer to work under Mr. Elliot, the business of the Trustees having increased to such an extent that it was impossible for one man to do the work. The motion was not seconded and no action was taken.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, for commitment from the Trustees in reference to conveyance in fee simple of land included in proposed Everglades National Park, the subject having been presented but action deferred at the last meeting. Also memorandum was read suggesting the manner in which conveyance might be made subject to existing petroleum leases or assignment of such leases to the United States.

The subject was discussed along the lines of memorandum from the Secretary. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees agree to convey to the United States land held by the Trustees within the proposed Park boundaries, subject to

(a) Petroleum and gas leases now outstanding upon leased lands, said lands to be cleared upon lease termination;

(b) The condition that in the event petroleum, gas, phosphate or other minerals shall be produced from said land by the United States, the State shall receive the customary royalty therefrom.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

In connection with Everglades National Park area discussion was had on the question raised by Model Land Company sometime ago, having reference to title to an area of unsurveyed land designated as hiatus strips, and the Governor suggested that the tax assessors of the counties in which the land is located be advised that title is in the State of Florida and should not be assessed in the name of private parties; also that the Federal Government be notified that title is in the State.

The secretary informed the Board that during the previous administration it was thought that title would have to be decided by court action, which would require survey of the property in question, and in line with that thought he had prepared skeleton instructions for having survey made. No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Wells called attention to agreement reached about eight years ago between the United States and the Trustees, with reference to exchange of lands for the Seminole Indian Reservation. The Government

initiated the exchange and the State's deed was executed and transmitted but deed has never been received from the United States. No mention was made that oil and mineral reservations would be included in deed from the United States to Trustees and request is now being made that the Trustees accept deed with such reservations.

Mr. Wells was instructed to inform the Federal Government that deed with reservations would not be acceptable to the Trustees.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Bradford	6/12/46	1
Lake	5/13/46	3
Madison	6/24/46	1
Manatee	6/3/46	3
Orange	5/6/46	3
Orange	6/3/46	145
Osceola	6/10/46	1
Seminole	6/10/46	95
Sumter	6/3/46	39
Taylor	5/24/46	3
Taylor	6/7/46	1
Taylor	6/16/46	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Attorney General Watson reported that he had made investigation of the manner in which Murphy Act sales were held in Liberty County, pursuant to protest filed by E. E. Callaway of Lakeland, Florida; that the records in the County offices were very incomplete and it was extremely hard to establish ownership of a great deal of land in the county owing to all records having been destroyed by fire some years ago.

Upon discussion of the subject the Trustees directed that the Secretary take the matter up with the

Clerk of the Court and take necessary steps to reestablish the records on State land in Liberty County. It was so ordered.

Comptroller Lee called to the attention of the board a newspaper article sent to him in reference to the advertisement of Murphy Act land in Dade County, the criticism being that the lands were advertised in a legal journal or newspaper rather than one of the large daily papers with a wide circulation.

Mr. Elliot informed the board that the instruction to the Clerks was that advertisements be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County in which the land was located.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Secretary be requested to investigate the report and ascertain if the advertisements were carried in a paper of general circulation. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. I. Walter Hawkins, representing New Smyrna-DeLand Drainage District, explained to the board that pursuant to provisions of Chapter 22967, Acts of 1945, the Trustees conveyed to said district all Murphy Act land located within its boundaries comprising approximately 9500 acres; that under the terms of the composition proceedings the Court had indicated that it would be advantageous to the District for the land owners to have the land without reservations of oil and minerals, which would require the District to convey approximately 6000 acres of land to the original owners in its original status; that to comply with such order the District would need release of reservations contained in deed from Trustees to the District.

Governor Caldwell stated that he would be willing to go so far as to agree that releases be authorized on land conveyed to original owners but hold reservations on everything not sold within a stipulated time —say a period of twelve months.

Upon discussion of the subject, the Trustees directed that Mr. Elliot work out some plan, within the law, which would at the same time be helpful to the District in complying with the order of the Court. It was so ordered.

Applications were presented for issuance of deeds to correct errors in original instruments, all of which

have been approved by the Attorney General for correction.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the following correction deeds:

Dade County Deed No. 3939-COR. — To Commercial Trust Co. of New Jersey and Frank Allen, as Executors of the Estate of Edward R. Mitchell, deceased—To correct name of subdivision from Miami Land to "Miami Lane";

Broward County Deed No. 2786-Cor.—To Harold Lichtenberg and Norman Lichtenberg—to Correct Plat Book page number from 28 to "38";

Palm Beach County Deeds Nos. 2898-Cor. & 2928-Cor.—To Alfred H. Wagg Organization, Inc.—To correct name of grantee from Alfred Wagg Corp.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and correction deeds ordered issued.

Request was submitted for approval of release of right of ways for State roads reserved in Murphy Act deeds conveying land in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. Information was furnished that the State Road Department had approved releases in the following deeds:

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deeds No. 1598 and No. 3193 in favor of Doyle Campbell;

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 794—To Roger B. Morrison and Paulette B. Morrison;

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 1050—To Robert H. Pollock

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 2034—To John R. Strickland

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 2881—To Henry Mueller and Annie Mueller.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that quit claim deeds be executed in favor of the above parties, according to recommendation from the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The following applications were presented from the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks for conveyance under provisions of Chapter 21998, Acts of 1943, of Murphy Act land to be used for State park purposes:

Brevard County—Approximately 216 acres in DeSoto Beach Subdivision located in Sections 25 and 36, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, and in Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 38 East. $1.50 an acre offered for the land;

Clay County—100 acres described as W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 6 and W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 7, Township 8 South, Range 24 East, to become a part of Goldhead Branch State Park. $50.00 was offered for the land.

Columbia County—NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 7 South, Range 17 East, containing 40 acres, to become a part of O'Leno Recreation Area for Forestry Training. $60.00 offered for the land;

Hillsborough County—1837 acres in Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35 and 36 in Township 27 South, Range 20 East, to become a part of Hillsborough River State Park. $1837.00 offered for the land;

Lake County—725.5 acres in Sections 35 and 36, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, and in Sections 1, 2, 3, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, to be developed as Lake Griffin State Park. $362.75 offered for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks land described in the five applications at the prices offered, under the provisions of Chapter 21998 according to form of deed approved by the Attorney General. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land described as;

Part of Lot 46, Block A—Bithlo S/D Orange County, Florida,

desired for use in connection with State Road No. 22 Proj. 7506 SRD NO. 162.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of easement in favor of the State Road Department for right of way across the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer of $57.50 from the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, for parcel of land described as:

Lot 20, Block 42—City of Punta Gorda
Charlotte County,

deed to be issued under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

With reference to request from County Commissioners of Pinellas County, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to convey without consideration approximately 100 acres of land in Sections 11 and 14, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, and make counter proposal to deed the land under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, upon payment of one-fourth the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that notice had been received from the United States terminating Lease #NOY (R) —37253 dated July 15, 1944 involving land in Martin County, Florida.

Notice was ordered filed as information.
Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
July 9, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor
J. M. Lee, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk

Mr. Wells presented letter from Mr. William Pitchford in which he withdrew application presented July 2nd, 1946, and requested that he be granted a lease on a certain spoil bank dredged from St. Lucie Inlet Channel, designated as being

> At the East end of the South line of the N½ of Hanson Grant lying South and East of present County Road, Section 12, Township 38 South, Range 41 East, Containing approximately 13 acres in Martin County.

Mr. Pitchford offers $50.00 per month for five-year lease on the property described.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees allow withdrawal of former application and authorize issuance of five-year lease on the parcel described at the price offered by Mr. Pitchford, lessee to be given ninety days for removal of any buildings on the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells called up for reconsideration application from William Pitchford, acted on by the Trustees June 18th involving two small islands in Indian River off Sewell's Point in Section 18-38-42, Martin County. It was explained that when appraisal was made acreage was estimated as one-fourth acre but an actual survey gives the acreage as in excess of four acres.

Discussion was had as to the variance in appraised acreage and that shown by survey, Governor Caldwell

and Mr. Larson being of the opinion that the matter should be taken up with the Appraiser as well as values placed on State land.

Upon consideration of Mr. Pitchford's application, motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the two islands be advertised for competitive bids based on the offer of $1000.00 an acre. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

Offer of $100.00 an acre was submitted from John C. Blocker, on behalf of Charles B. and Dessie L. Fulghum for purchase of

> 2.70 acres of submerged land in Boca Ceiga Bay adjacent to their upland property in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the offer be declined—appraised value being in excess of $100.00 an acre—and counter proposal made to accept $150.00 an acre subject to advertisement for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from St. Johns River Lumber and Development Company, Inc., by D. E. Porter, that Mineral Lease #260 dated February 4, 1942—now inactive—be reinstated.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize reinstatement of the lease with supplement attached providing for minimum monthly payments of $25.00, the filing of bond in amount of $1000.00 and requirement for definite operations within twelve months. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. LeRoy Collins, on behalf of Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, presented application for right of way across a parcel of land owned by the State on Miami Canal in Dade County, designated as the Lock Site located in Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, parcel desired being fifteen feet wide through the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize easement as requested upon payment of $100.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Frank Mayer of Fernandina, Florida, for permission to remove 100 yards of coquina shell from State land along the beach in Nassau County, said area having been approved by the County Commissioners.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that upon receipt of application from Mr. Mayer, accompanied by proper bond, the lease be granted on the usual conditions, payment to be at the rate of ten cents (10c) per cubic yard with a minimum monthly payment in line with other leases. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon inquiry from F. M. Slaughter as to when he might appear before the Board and present application for lease to remove coquina shell from Jacksonville and Atlantic beaches, the Trustees instructed Mr. Wells to arrange a meeting when a majority of the members could be present and notify Mr. Slaughter of such date.

Application was presented from F. M. Hendry for sand, shell and rock lease in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, in the vicinity of 79th Street Causeway. He agrees to abide by the usual conditions required by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize lease on the basis of ten cents (10c) per cubic yard, with minimum monthly payment in line with similar leases, and requirement for filing bond in amount of $1000.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Action was deferred on request from Atlantic Engineering Corporation for modification of Mineral Sand Leases #274 and #414 pending report from Mr. Mayo with his recommendations.

Request was submitted from B. W. Heath, engineer representing holders of Oil Leases #224-A and #243 —Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., for interpretation of the bulkheading provision carried in the leases and the procedure for making application for permit to bulkhead.

The Trustess directed that Mr. Wells inform Mr. Heath that when necessary that bulkheading be done that he submit written request and also make appli-

cation to the War Department where work will be done in navigable waters. It was so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Secretary of State R. A. Gray and Special Attorney for the Trustees, Julius Parker, represent the State as delegates to the Interstate Oil Compact Commission meeting at Grand Rapids, Michigan, to be held August 8th to 10th, 1946, and that their expenses be paid out of Oil Funds of the Internal Improvement Fund. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the following salaries and expense items be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	$425.00
M. O. Barco, Sec-Clerk Land and Taxes	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec-Clerk Records and Minutes	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor and Bookkeeper	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	185.00
J. Alex Arnette, Clerk Circuit Court West Palm Beach, Florida Redemption of tax sale certificate on lands located in Sec. 2, Twp 44 S, Rge 35 E, in which Trustees accepted deed from U. S. Sugar Corporation	495.37
TOTAL	$2,658.37

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	6/19/46	8
Dade	6/14/46	30
Hardee	4/1/46	3
Indian River	6/24/46	81
Jackson	6/17/46	1

Levy	5/6/46	1
Martin	3/4/46	2
Pinellas	10/16/45	17
Polk	3/29/46	111
Sarasota	6/24/46	39

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land in Flagler County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of the State Road Department as requested for use in connection with State Road #28—Project 7302—SRD #66 Rev., Flagler County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Archie Clement presented application from the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County for conveyance of

Lots 5 and 6, Block 9—Tarpon Springs Enterprises Replat,

to be used as the site for a public health clinic. $10.00 was offered for the lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lots requested under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, for the consideration of $10.00, deed to contain the reservation that the land is to be used for a public health clinic. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County for conveyance of 2147 lots in

Toy Town S/D of Section 13, Township 30 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

It was explained that the County desired the tract for the purpose of taking marl from pits located thereon and it was agreed that the County would cooperate with the State Road Department in furnishing marl from the pits.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of the lots applied for, deed to contain a clause that the tract will be used for marl pits, and also contain a clause that the State Road Department will have access and use of the marl pits for State road purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Comptroller Lee again called attention to the criticism sent to this office of the advertisement of Murphy Act sales in a legal paper of Dade County. He explained that he was not informed as to whether the advertisements were being run in either of the large daily papers and the legal paper as well, but in order to insure proper notice being given he was making a motion that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dade County, as Agent for the Trustees, be requested to advertise all Murphy Act land sales in each of the large daily newspapers as well as in the legal journal. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented list of certificates for which cancellation had been requested, and reported that the requests had been referred to the Attorney General's office and by that office approved for disclaiming interest.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted that the Trustees disclaim interest in the following certificates and transmit to the Comptroller for handling:

Calhoun County	
Ctf. No. 236	1930
59	1932
Citrus County	
Ctf. No. 1096	1928
1094	1928
Putnam County	
Ctf. No. 1149	1929
7915A	1933
3468	1927
St. Johns County	
Ctf. No. 527	1927
2345	1933
300	1894
299	1899
Suwannee County	
Ctf. No. 758	1931
1235B	1933

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	203.50
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec-Clerk Land & Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec-Clerk Records & minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk	165.00
Lidie M. Moss, Clerk	130.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	150.00
TOTAL	$1,407.50

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
July 16, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

The Secretary presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated June 18th, 25th and July 2nd, 1946 and reported that copies had been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve minutes as presented. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from C. H. and Madeline Hoffner offering $300.00 an acre for purchase of reclaimed land on Lake Conway, Orange County, adjacent to their upland property described as, ,

Lots 31, 32, 33 and 34 in Block "F" Venetian Gardens and Lot "A" and Lot 36.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the strip between Lake Conway and upland property of applicants, at the price offered, Mr. Hoffner to have the land surveyed and furnish the Trustees with plat. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $25.00 annually was presented from W. J. Eberwein for ten year lease on Hall Island in the Banana River, located in Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County, about 10 miles from Cocoa and comprising approximately 8 to 10 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize ten-year lease on the island applied for at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. LeRoy Collins appeared before the Trustees on behalf of H. W. Grimsley, requesting reinstatement of his sand lease #449 on Ochlockonee River, recently ordered cancelled. Mr. Grimsley offers to pay ten cents (10c) per cubic yard for all sand removed from the area covered by Lease #449 and will conform to any requirements of the Trustees carried in the most recent leases.

Mr. Mayo explained that lease #449 was cancelled on the ground of non-performance, Mr. Grimsley having failed to make reports required or comply with other conditions of the lease, and it was his opinion that Mr. Grimsley should be required to make payment at the rate of 10 cents per cubic yard for all material removed from the river under Lease #449.

Mr. Grimsley agreed, through his Attorney Mr. Collins, that he would diligently furnish all necessary reports, keep proper records and make payments to the Trustees, at time required, for all material removed or sold from the River.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that new lease be granted Mr. Grimsley on the basis of ten cents per cubic yard for each and every yard of sand removed or sold from the river, within the

area covered by former lease #449, lease to conform to all requirements the Trustees have incorporated in most recent leases. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. A. R. Richardson protested issuance of lease to Mr. Grimsley, stating that his lease on the Ochlocknee River called for inclusion of the area under Lease #449 in the event the lease was cancelled or given up; also that the board had agreed that he could make arrangements with individual lessees to operate in the river under his (Richardson's) contract. No action was taken on the protest.

Mr. Wells called attention to application presented several months ago from John C. Blocker, on behalf of F. J. Q., Inc., for purchase of submerged land in Pinellas County. Information was furnished that the Trustees had agreed to advertise the property at a price of $150.00 an acre, subject to objections only, and in preparation of description it was disclosed that the adjacent so-called upland property was filled-in State land, title to which had never been acquired from the Trustees; that Mr. Blocker offered to pay the same price for a small area of adjacent land but the Trustees took the position that applicants should pay for all land that had been filled where the Trustees had not parted with title. Disposition of the case was requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that this and similar cases involving land in that vicinity be referred to the Special Attorney of the Trustees, with instructions that he notify all persons ocupying filled in land, title to which has not been acquired from the State, that it will be necessary for them to purchase from the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from F. E. Snow, President of Atlantic Engineering Corporation, for revision of the rate schedule incorporated in Mineral Sand Leases Nos. 274 and 414.

Information was furnished that the request had been referred to State Geologist, Herman Gunter, and his report was read to the Board suggesting that the following schedule be applicable instead of the flat rate of $1.00 per ton for ilmenite, rutile and zircon:

$0.75 per long ton for rough concentrates of combined minerals;

0.75 per long ton for all fractioned ilmenite, (Sub-Section "A" of paragraph 1)

1.50 per short ton for fractioned monazite, rutile and zircon (Sub-Section "B" paragraph 1).

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve revision of the rate schedule as recommended by Dr. Gunter, and authorize Leases 274 and 414 to be so amended. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Frank Bezoni, on behalf of Mr. K. Hughes, an independent oil operator of Tyler, Texas, presented application for oil and gas lease on an undetermined acreage, estimated to comprise approximately 6500 acres of lake and land areas in Polk County. Applicant agrees to drill one well within the area under lease within six months from date leases are secured; the well to be drilled to a depth of 6500 feet unless production is had at a lesser depth. It is not contemplated that any wells will be drilled in any of the lakes; and that in planning the units of 40 acres per well, twenty acres will be in the lake and twenty acres outside the lake, thereby giving the State one-half of one-eighth.

Mr. Bezoni informed the board that his company has secured leases from the land owners within the areas designated in the application, said leases now being held by the Exchange National Bank of Winter Haven to be delivered when actual drilling operations are commenced by his client.

With reference to the Murphy Act land included in the application, it was explained that Court determination would be necessary to decide whether the State would have an equity in the royalties on lands heretofore deeded without the oil and mineral reservations.

Discussion was had on the application, Mr. Larson expressing the opinion that he was opposed to entering into any contract or lease calling for drilling in the fresh water lakes of the State; that he felt the citrus fruit industry was as valuable if not more so than the discovery of oil. Mr. Mayo agreed that he would not be willing to authorize leases calling for drilling in the lakes. It was the consensus of opinion that a lease calling for drilling in the lakes would not be satisfactory with the Trustees, and the suggestion was made that a lease might be worked out calling for twenty acres of the forty acres in each

unit, to be designated as lake area but with definite provision that no drilling would be permitted in any of the lakes; also conditioned that the State will participate equally with the land owner—one-half of the one-eighth royalty to be paid—in the event of production of oil on the land where the twenty acres of lake area is a part of the forty-acre unit. Mr. Bezoni stated that his company would be agreeable to those conditions.

Advertisement of the area to be leased was discussed, Mr. Bezoni agreeing that his company would pay the advertising costs and would submit with his annual rental bid a cash bonus of not less than $500.00.

Motion was made by Comptroller Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to advertise for bids for oil and gas leases on the area in Polk County, applied for by Mr. Hughes, conditioned that no drilling will be permitted in the waters of any lakes in the area. Upon vote the motion was adopted with the following vote:

Ayes—Governor Caldwell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Mayo;

Nays—Mr. Larson.

Mr. Larson retired from the meeting.

Application was presented from Herbert D. Beck, for client J. W. Strickland, for purchase of Palm Beach County land:

> 0.91 of an acre of sovereignty land in SE corner of Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 36 East.

It was explained that Mr. Strickland owns the adjoining land but built his home on the State land through misapprehension as to ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees agree to sell to Mr. Strickland the parcel applied for at a price of $200.00 subject to advertisement for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Notice was presented of two outstanding tax sale certificates held by Fred H. Albee against land located in the

> E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 17, Township 39 South, Range 20 East, Sarasota County.

Mr. Wells explained that this land was covered by mortgage which was recently foreclosed but certificates were issued during the period title was held by an individual.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize issuance of warrant in amount of $138.62 in payment of certificates #1000 of 1939 and #4036 of 1942. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Engineer and Secretary called the attention of the Trustees to the question of private individuals securing material for filling areas adjacent to upland property.

Upon consideration of the subject Mr. Elliot was requested to prepare a form of resolution for consideration of the Trustees at the next meeting. It was so ordered.

Request was presented from Ned Kocher that the Trustees execute deed conveying 15 acres of land under his contract upon payment at this time of the pro rata amount applicable—$79.80—said contract land being the SW 1/4 & W 96 Feet of E 1/2 of Section 3, Township 40 South, Range 38 East, Martin County. Title to the land came to the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931—the Everglades Act. Mr. Kocher agrees that the principal amount of the contract shall remain as drawn, with payment for the 15 acres to be deducted from the last payment.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees grant request from Mr. Kocher and authorize deed conveying the 15 acres desired released from the contract, upon payment of $79.80. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the City of Moore Haven, Florida for conveyance of lots, title to which vested in the Trustees under the provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931, described as follows:

Lots 9 and 11, Block 5;
Lots 7, 14 and 16, Block 7;
Lot 1, W 1/2 of Lot 2 and Lot 28, Block 139;
Lot 8, Block 140

City of Moore Haven, Glades County.

Offer made by the City—$1.00 per lot.

The Secretary reported that the valuation placed on the lots by the Trustees is $40.00 per lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the offer from the City of Moore Haven be declined and that counter proposal be made to convey the lots at a price of $40.00 per lot. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the following expense account, miscellaneous and special bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Frank J. Heintz, Asst. Attorney General—Tallahassee, Florida—(Expense Account)	$ 61.21
Comptroller, State of Florida—Tallahassee, Florida—(Travel Requests)	42.55
W. A. Wynne, C. C. C.—Sarasota County—Sarasota, Florida—(Redemption of Tax Certificate on State land) Ctf. #1000 1939 sale 1938-40 tax and penalty....$96.07 Ctf. #4036 1942 sale 1941-42 tax and Penalty 42.55	138.62
Treasurer of the United States—c/o G. E. Ferguson, District Engineer — Geological Survey, Box 607—Ocala, Florida—(Cost of work performed by Geo. Survey in cooperation with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund)	2,026.74
J. I. Freedlund, Belle Glade, Florida—(Drainage Work, Prison Farm)	853.38
Associated Concrete Pipe Company—(Drainage Work, Prison Farm)	1,560.80
Glades Appliance Corporation—Belle Glade, Florida—(Drainage Work, Prison Farm)	47.00
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	17.50
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	3.80
The H. & W. B. Drew Company Jacksonville	3.85
The Okeechobee News, Okeechobee	12.00
Parker & Foster, Attorneys, Tallahassee	2.69
Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota	5.00
Fort Lauderdale Daily News, Ft. Lauderdale	5.00
Geo. J. Dykes, C.C.C., Lake County, Tavares	1.70
E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C., Dade County, Miami	21.50
Ernest Overstreet, Tax Collector, Dade County	197.42
The Miami Herald, Miami	26.78
TOTAL	$5,027.54

Financial Statements for the month of June are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of June 1, 1946	$634,097.46

Receipts for the month

Land sales	$36,320.66	
Farm Lease	152.40	
Timber Leases	6,577.13	
Sand & Shell Leases	1,263.45	
Miscellaneous Leases	787.50	
Grazing Leases	572.40	
Mineral Lease	18.75	
Oil Lease	22.89	
Wharf Lease	262.50	
Permit to Dredge in Boca Ceiga Bay	3.75	
5 Year Lease of Deadhead Timber in Suwannee River and Tributaries	375.00	
Tax Refunds	2,770.61	
Interest	19.04	
6 Volumes Trustees Minutes	18.00	
Reimbursement, Account cost of Advertisement of Land Sale	8.40	
Total Receipts for the month of June, 1946		49,172.48
Total		$683,269.94
Less Disbursements for the month of June, 1946		5,146.12
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 29, 1946		$678,123.82

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
6-1-46	292,929	Southeastern Telephone Company	$ 10.65
	292,930	Bulkley-Newman Printing Company	444.00
	292,931	Capital Office Equipment Company	18.00
	292,932	W. A. Wynne, CCC	23.65
	292,933	Railway Express Company	.71
	292,934	Dade Commonwealth Title Insurance Company	76.50
	292,935	Photostat Corporation	25.26
	292,936	Parker & Foster	7.35
	292,928	Bert R. Broadwell	6.25

	292,937	Palm Beach Publishing Company	13.75
	292,938	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	292,939	The Review Printing Co.	56.25
6-12-46	298,286	J. Edwin Larson S T Transfer 3 percent to G R.	2,100.30
6-29-46	316,549	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	316,550	M. O. Barco	145.50
	316,551	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	316,552	J. B. Lee	19.00
	316,553	W. B. Granger	47.50
	316,554	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
	316,555	A. C. Bridges	259.65
	316,556	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	316,557	Geraldine Davis	176.90
	318,518	J. M. Lee, Comptroller	24.88
	321,124	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	3.15
	321,125	Capital Office Supply Co.	8.40
	321,126	Tampa Morning Tribune	8.40
	321,127	Frank P. Dolph	120.00
	319,094	F. C. Elliot	20.62
		5 percent Retirement Fund	51.00
		Withholding Tax	315.70

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1946 ..... $5,146.12

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of June 1, 1946	$61,159.89
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 29, 1946	$61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of June 1, 1946	$ 2,500.00
Receipts	2,500.00
TOTAL	$ 5,000.00
Disbursements	2,108.95
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 29, 1946	$ 2,891.05

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of June 1, 1946	$114,090.76
Receipts for the month	167,610.51
Total	281,701.27
Less Disbursements for the month	101,654.26
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 29, 1946	$180,047.01

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
6-29-46	315,443	Ernest Hewitt	$ 261.20
	315,444	Helen Phillips	184.80
	315,445	Mary Evans Voss	153.50
	315,446	J. R. Roberts	174.40
	315,447	M. O. Barco	23.75
	315,448	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	315,449	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	315,450	Mildred F. Scott	144.15
	315,451	Lidie M. Moss	117.10
	315,452	Bonnie G. Shelfer	124.80
	317,998	J. Edwin Larson S T Transfer to G. R.	100,000.00
	321,602	Western Union Telegraph Co.	5.35
	321,603	Wiggins & Durrance Typewriter Repair Shop	11.75
	321,604	H. and W. B. Drew Co.	15.66
	321,605	Bulkley-Newman Printing Company	75.00
	321,606	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
	321,607	Cabana City Corp.	79.00
		5 Percent Retirement Fund	36.20
		Withholding Tax	122.10
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1946	$101,654.26

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and stated that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	6/19/46	1
Bay	7/2/46	9
Charlotte	6/10/46	2
Clay	6/22/46	1
Clay	7/6/46	5
Columbia	7/1/46	2
Citrus	6/18/46	4
Citrus	6/4/46	5
Dade	6/21/46	68
DeSoto	6/18/46	14
Glades	7/1/46	1

Hamilton	7/8/46	4
Highlands	7/8/46	1
Hillsborough	6/17/46	179
Holmes	7/1/46	1
Indian River	5/13/46	1
Levy	1/1/46	1
Martin	6/10/46	23
Orange	6/3/46	1
Orange	7/1/46	21
Pinellas	6/26/45	1
Pinellas	9/18/45	1
Pinellas	10/16/45	2
Pinellas	12/18/45	4
Pinellas	2/5/46	2
Pinellas	4/16/46	17
Polk	3/29/46	4
St. Johns	4/18/46	33
St. Lucie	7/1/46	51
Sarasota	6/24/46	1
Sumter	6/24/46	17
Taylor	6/16/46	1
Volusia	6/3/46	63
Volusia	6/10/46	203
Volusia	7/1/46	70

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve the report and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented for release of State road right of way in each of five Volusia County deeds, the State Road Department having approved and agreed to the releases.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the following deeds be executed for releasing right of way reservations as recommended by the State Road Department:

Volusia County Q. C. Deed No. 1423 to Earl Freeman

Volusia County Q. C. Deed No. 1482 to Arthur Spragg

Volusia County Q. C. Deed No. 1430 to E. A. Doyle

Volusia County Q. C. Deed No. 1456 to J. F. Doyle

Volusia County Q. C. Deed No. 1517 to J. F. Doyle

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented from the Town of Groveland, Florida, for conveyance of Murphy Act land as follows:

Lake County

(1) Lots 1 to 6 Block 113, Groveland
Lots 1 to 6, Block 114, Groveland
Offer of $355.00 which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value;

(2) Lots 1 to 3 and 5 to 12, inclusive, Block 146, Groveland. Offer of $11.00 for the lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of lots described in application (1) at the price offered; that the offer for the lots in application (2) be declined and counter proposal made to accept one-fourth the 1932 assessed value—$137.50, conveyance in each case to be made under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from the City of Sarasota that the Trustees release "public park purposes" clause made a part of Deed No. 03—Chapter 21684, Sarasota County, issued September 9, 1944 to the City of Sarasota. It was explained that the City was unable to secure sufficient additional land for the park and therefore it could not be used for that purpose. Release was requested in order that the property might be sold or made available for other purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize release of the clause as requested upon payment of $10.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was submitted from J. O. Richards to Comptroller J. M. Lee, objecting to action taken allowing protest from P. L. McClellan to sale of

23 acres in Section 24, Township 1 South, Range 8 West, Liberty County. Report No. 27—Sale of May 14, 1946.

Information was furnished that Mr. Richards had executed warranty deed to Mr. McClellan prior to June 9, 1939, but at that time there were outstanding tax sale certificates under which title vested in the State; that recently Mr. Richards applied to have the land advertised and on date of sale—May 14, 1946—he was the high bidder; that following the sale Mr. Mc-

Clellan requested that Mr. Richards assign the bid to him as holder of warranty deed, which was refused. Mr. McClellan then filed protest within the 21-day limit and the land is now being advertised the second time.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the request from Mr. Richards be denied and the Clerk notified to proceed with sale under protest rule. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

As information to the Trustees, Mr. Elliot presented Dade County Report #228 covering sale of July 3, 1946, about which sale Comptroller Lee presented news item carried in a Miami paper criticizing manner in which Murphy Act sales were advertised in that county.

Mr. Elliot presented report of sale held March 8, 1946 in Liberty County, which sale apparently had not been held in accordance with rules of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline to approve Liberty County sale of March 8, 1946, and instruct the Clerk to readvertise the land for sale, without additional cost to applicant, and that all interested parties be notified of new sale date. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Charles M. Williams of Sarasota, Florida, on behalf of Royal H. Bismark, that the Trustees release all reservations contained in Deed #957 issued March 25, 1946 to Sarasota Properties, Inc. and since acquired by Mr. Bismark, Sarasota Co.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize release of the reservations in Deed #957 upon payment of $10.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented the following applications from the City of Moore Haven, Florida, for acquisition of Glades County land:

(1) Offer of $1.00 per lot for 11 lots in Moore Haven for which Special Master's Deed dated November 17, 1932 was issued to the City and recorded in DB 25/454;

(2) Offer of $1.00 per lot for approximately 200 lots which were acquired by the City under Special Master's Deed dated January 27, 1942, recorded in DB 28/513.

Information was furnished that title to the land applied for came to the State under the Murphy Act, but under the provisions of Chapter 20424 of 1941, the Trustees are authorized to deed the land described under (1) to the City at $1.00 per parcel; that with reference to application (2) title to the land applied for vested in the State prior to Special Master's deed to the City.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 20424 of the lots described in application

(1) At $1.00 per lot; offer for lots under application

(2) Be declined and counter proposal made to convey under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, upon payment of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value—$2,277.50.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of Palatka, Florida, for conveyance of the following Murphy Act land in Putnam County:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8, Block 3

Lots 1, 2, 3, 10 and East 45 feet of Lots 5, 6, 7, Block 9

Lot 4, Block 11

Lot 10 and West 100 feet of Lots 11 and 12, Block 12

All in Burt's S/D of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 26 East.

Offer of $225.00 was made for the lots, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer from the City of Palatka and authorize conveyance of the lots under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the Board of Public Instruction of Putnam County for conveyance without payment of Murphy Act land as follows:

(1) Dedication for school purposes, Blocks 222 and 223, Except railroad right of way, City of Palatka, on parts of which blocks a large negro school building was erected several years ago;

(2) Conveyance of all Blocks 4, 10 and S 1/2 of Block 12;
Lots 2, 3, 5, 6, 10 and 11, Block A-5
Lots 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12, Block 13
Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12, Calhoun's S/D of Block 14,
All in Burt's S/D of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 26 East, Putnam County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize dedication of Blocks 222 and 223 for school purposes upon payment of $5.00, and that the blocks and lots described under (2) be conveyed under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value—$755.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and conveyance authorized in favor of the Board of Public Instruction of Putnam County upon payment of the amounts specified.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the following salary and miscellaneous bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment thereof:

Ida Pope, Tallahassee, Florida, Clerk	$ 92.69
The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Florida,	9.12
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Florida	5.85
Charles W. Geiger & Elabelle Geiger, c/o Leonard W. Thomas, C.C.C. Duval County, Jacksonville, Florida, Refund Deed No. 3025 account land does not exist & ctfs. subject to cancellation	20.00
J. Frank Roberts, c/o Ross C. Sawyer, C.C.C. Monroe County, Key West, Florida. Refund deed No. 719 account land in National Park area	5.00
R. W. Baughman, c/o Ray E. Green, C.C.C., Pinellas County, Clearwater, Florida. Refund parts of the following deeds account parcels foreclosed by City of St. Petersburg: Deed No. 3153—20.00 Deed No. 3391—27.00 Deed No. 3444— 5.00	52.00
TOTAL	$204.66

Mr. Elliot presented list of certificates for which cancellation had been requested, reporting that the requests had been referred to the Attorney General's office and by that office approved for disclaiming interest.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the following certificates and transmit to the Comptroller for handling:

Ctf. No.	Year	County
1105	1934	Brevard
126	1901	Columbia
157	1930	Dixie
400	1933	Dixie
62	1910	Hamilton
261	1934	Indian River
497	1934	Sumter

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
July 23, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. J. T. McCormick, representing B. B. McCormick and Sons, came before the Trustees and made application to procure a lease for the taking of coquina shell and sand from Jacksonville and adjoining beaches involving an area several miles long on the ocean.

The application provided for payment at the rate of ten cents (10c) per cubic yard for all material removed, it being contemplated that 8000 cubic yards of shell will be taken annually.

Mr. McCormick furnished the Trustees with information as to investment they have in plants and equipment; also statement from the U. S. Engineers to the effect that the records did not lead them to believe that removal of the shell would in any way have a detrimental effect on the beach.

Mr. Wells reported that he had taken the matter up with the City of Jacksonville Beach to ascertain if there were any areas the City could recommend from which shell could be removed without detriment to the beach, and that his reply was that he could not recommend such an area; also that the City has applied to the Trustees for permission to remove the shell from the beach for its purposes.

The Trustees having agreed to hold a public hearing on this question, allowing all interested parties to be heard, Tuesday, July 30, 1946, was agreed upon and Mr. Wells was directed to have the notice of the meeting published in the Jacksonville Beach paper, and other papers.

Suggestion was made by the Governor that an arrangement might be worked out with the City of Jacksonville Beach to undertake policing the beaches, acting as agent for the Trustees, and designate areas from which material could be taken.

Mr. McCormick was asked to take the matter up with the authorities of Jacksonville Beach and see what could be worked out.

Mr. McCormick informed the Board that his company owned about 1200 feet of ocean front about four miles from the Beaches and asked if there would be any objection to material being taken from that area in the event nothing could be accomplished with the City. Opinion of Trustees was that they could see no objection at this time to the granting of a lease in front of applicant's ocean-front property, however, no action was taken.

Attention was also called to the needs of the State Road Department for material for road building in that area and the savings to the State if material could be procured locally.

Attorney General Watson recorded as being present.

Mr. Evans Crary, representing St. Lucie Inlet Port District and Mr. and Mrs. M. Pierre Payette, requested that the Trustees make an investigation with a view to cancellation of Lease #471 authorized July 9th in favor of William Pitchford but issued to A. I. Padgett, comprising an area of 13 acres in Section 12, Township 38 South, Range 41 East, Martin County, no notice having been given his clients that lease would be issued.

Mr. Crary explained that the spoil bank was created from dredging the Inlet channel and was located in front of property of the District and of the Payette's; that in an ejectment suit brought by the Payette's, Judge A. O. Kanner ruled that the sand fill was in the upland owner toward the channel of the St. Lucie River; that the Inlet District will have to bring ejectment suit to have Padgett removed from the spoil area in front of the District's property unless the Trustees cancel the lease and have Mr. Padgett vacate the property.

Attorney General Watson called attention to recent decision by the Supreme Court in the Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company's case, which might have some bearing on the case in question.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, informed the Trustees that title to the water bottoms was in the State, a part of which were filled without assistance from the Inlet District. After the fill was made Pitchford squatted on the State's property which the adjacent upland owners claim; that one of the upland owners brought suit but the State was not made party and in that litigation the Circuit Court was concerned only with title as between the two parties. It was suggested that the Legislature be asked to pass an act requiring that the State be named as party in all such suits.

At the suggestion of the Governor, action was postponed and Mr. Crary was requested to take the matter up with the Special Attorney with a view to working out some proposal to be brought back to the board.

Mr. Lawrence Truett, representing George Petrandis, and Mr. Lewis Hall, representing Fenton Jones, submitted request that the Trustees rescind lease #467 granted to Ashley Johnson June 18th, for the purpose of constructing a wharf and store building out in the Ochlockonee River in Franklin County. Objection was based on the ground that the structure placed on property adjacent to the right of way of the State Road Department obstructed view from the

bridge of the buildings of Mr. Petrandis and Mr. Jones; that Mr. Johnson does not own the upland property adjacent to the River but Petrandis and Jones do, Petrandis already having an investment of approximately $15,000.00 on the property.

Mr. T. T. Turnbull explained that he had presented the application of Ashley Johnson to the Trustees after securing a letter from the State Road Department that ingress and egress would be allowed over the State road right of way; that request was for a strip 66 feet by 100 feet and $350.00 had been paid for one year; that the application was made in good faith and the lease issued; that Mr. Johnson is willing to relinquish from his lease that portion in front of the Petrandis and Jones buildings, but as to the other area did not feel that the lease should be cancelled.

Upon discussion of the subject the Trustees were of the opinion that the lease had been granted under misapprehension of fact involving private ownership by another party of the upland adjoining part of the leased premises and that the overlapping upon submerged bottoms in front of and adjoining their riparian property infringed upon rights which the statute gives to such owner.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees cancel lease #467 in favor of Ashley Johnson on the grounds as stated. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Dr. I. J. Belcher to purchase two small islands located in

Section 2, Twp. 27 S., Rge. 15 E., containing 4.95 acres in Pasco County,

for which he offers $742.50.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to sell the islands applied for, but it was suggested that a lease might be considered on a rental basis of $20.00 per acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Consideration was given to the question of whether it would be to the best interest of the State to sell islands held by the Trustees or allow leases.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees agree on the policy that islands held by the State be not sold but that leases be allowed where terms and conditions were satisfactory. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following applications be denied, appraisals placed on the land being considerably higher in each case:

> Offer of $20.00 per acre from Harry and Winifred Ulmer for purchase of 18.31 acres of submerged land in Sec. 30, Twp. 27 S., Rge 15 E., Pinellas County.
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> Offer of $25.00 an acre from George F. Young, on behalf of Max A. Werschin, for 1.58 acres of submerged land in Lot 2, Section 9, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County;
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> Offer of $100.00 an acre from John F. Robertson, on behalf of Witsend, Inc., for 0.2 acres of submerged land in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $150.00 an acre was submitted from A. R. Richardson, on behalf of Bessemer Properties, Inc., for purchase of

> A small island in Jupiter River, Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, Containing 1.43 acres in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Richardson being present was informed of the action taken with reference to sale of islands and also the appraisal placed on the property—$1,000.00 an acre. It was suggested that if his clients desired to apply for a lease, consideration would be given to the request.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer from Bessemer Properties, Inc., be declined and counter proposal made to lease the island described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer of $150.00 an acre from Sea Island Development Company for purchase of

> Sovereignty land in Sections 10 and 15, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, containing 28.37 acres in Pinellas County,

and that counter proposal be offered on the basis of $250.00 per acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Proposal from Mr. Ham Baskin, postponed from last meeting, was again presented with offer of $150.00 an acre for assignment of Mortgage #17694, held by the Trustees to secure 3 notes from Ed. Haley dated July 9, 1926.

Information was furnished that the mortgage covers

> Land in Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, 34.55 acres in Clearwater Bay, Pinellas County,

and was sold to Ed Haley in 1926 on the basis of $150.00 an acre; that one-fourth the purchase price was paid in cash and three notes given in amount of $3,884.64. No further payments have been made, and appraiser values the land now at $150.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize assignment of Mortgage #17694, without recourse, upon payment of $150.00 an acre for 34.55 acres as described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from A. R. Clark, on behalf of W. J. Murray for sand and shell lease on the ocean beach in Nassau County, described as

> Lying in Section 13, Township 2 South, Range 28 East, Amelia Island.

The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County having designated an area in the above description, from which sand and shell could be removed without damage to Fernandina Beach, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize sand and shell lease for a period of one year upon payment of ten cents (10c) per cubic yard rental, with minimum monthly payment of $10.00, and the filing of $1000.00 performance bond. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Mr. Wells, Land Clerk, be authorized to cancel lease where payments have become delinquent and after thirty (30) days written notice has been given lessee, it not being deemed necessary to bring each individual case before the Trustees for authority to cancel. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for fee simple deed to a strip of submerged land 100 feet wide, lying between Upper and Lower

Matecumbe Keys, on the northerly side of and parallel to the northerly right of way line of State Road No. 4-A in Monroe County. It was explained that the Road Department was desirous of having a strip of water between the right of way fill and any private ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize deed to the State Road Department covering strip requested conditioned that any alienation of title by the Road Department must be approved by the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Lucius S. Ruder to purchase State land described as,

> 16.98 acres of submerged land in Clearwater Harbor in Section 18, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County,

for which he offers $100.00 an acre.

Appraisals on property in the same locality have been given as $150.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Ruder and make counter proposal to advertise the land if applicant will offer $150.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells asked for instructions with reference to including in advertisements for sale of land a minimum amount which would be considered, such amount to be not less than a bona fide bid received. Explanation was made that frequently interested parties would inquire prior to date of sale what bid was made for certain land advertised supposedly for the purpose of having some indication of what amount to bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that in the future advertisements for sale of State land include a minimum bid, such figure to be not less than the offer based on which the land was advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Attention was called to information received by Governor Caldwell that the lessees of grazing areas in Palm Beach County were selling shooting privileges on land under lease from the State.

Mr. Elliot explained that there was only one outstanding grazing lease in Palm Beach County but large acreages were under lease in adjoining counties. It was suggested that in future leases, a clause be inserted prohibiting selling of shooting rights and that present holders of leases be notified to the same effect.

Upon consideration action was postponed for one week pending discussion of the subject with the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Report was submitted by Mr. Elliot, pursuant to request from the Trustees, with reference to charge to be made for material to be used for filling bulkhead property along the coast of Florida.

The subject was fully discussed and suggestions offered as to method of handling the situation, the opinion being that all applications to the War Department, copies of which are furnished the Trustees, be held up until applicant receives permission from the Trustees to take fill material. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Secretary be instructed to protest all applications for bulkheading and filling until permit can be obtained from the State at some reasonable price for sand to be used by the upland owner. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

Name of County	Sales Date	Number of Regular Bids
Alachua	6/19/46	1
Clay	7/13/46	2
Dade	6/7/46	11
Dade	6/21/46	1
Hardee	5/6/46	34
Hardee	5/6/46	6
Hardee	6/3/46	5
Hardee	6/3/46	1
Holmes	7/15/46	6
Liberty	7/1/46	6
Pasco	7/1/46	13
Polk	4/30/46	83

Sumter	6/24/46	1
Taylor	7/5/46	2
Taylor	7/5/46	1
Volusia	6/10/46	15

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted that the Trustees issue duplicate for Polk County Deed #299 to Mrs. Bertha L. Hinshaw, the original having been lost before being recorded.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Polk County Deed No. 299 to Mrs. Bertha L. Hinshaw upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney, requested permission to file suit for Declaratory Decree in a case entitled

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vs.
Donald B. Kemper and Elizabeth A. Kemper, his wife

for the purpose of determining the validity of the reservation made by the Trustees in all Murphy Act deeds where one-half the minerals have been reserved, and also ask for adjudication, where the Trustees failed to make the reservation, as to whether the reservation would remain in effect because of the Statute although not set up in the deed.

Attorney General Watson stated that he was in favor of such suit being brought and if the Trustees felt so inclined he would like to take part in the suit.

Motion was made by Comptroller Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the suit be brought as suggested by Mr. Parker and that the Attorney General also represent the Trustees in the case. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented for release of State Road reservation in Sarasota County Deed #423 to Ralph G. Harter.

The State Road Department having recommended the release, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Sarasota County Q. C. Deed No. 423 to Ralph G. Harter upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for permit to cut a ditch, a part of which will run through a low, swampy area of Murphy Act land in Duval County. The ditch is to be cut for improving drainage facilities at the Moncrief Shop tract. Director of Sanitation H. G. Peters and City Engineer W. E. Sheddan of Jacksonville, recommend that the permit be granted. The Secretary also recommends the permit as the ditch will enhance the value of the State land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees grant permit through Murphy Act land for ditch to be cut by Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, without consideration in view of the benefit to accrue to State land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from City of Leesburg for conveyance of

> Government Lot 1, or NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, Containing 1.78 acres in Lake County,

the land being used as Leesburg Municipal Airport under lease to the United States Army. The City offers $5.00 for the parcel which had an assessed value in 1932 of $10.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer from the City of Leesburg and convey title to the land under the provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline to release all reservations in Hillsborough County Deed #4385 issued to Mrs. Materia F. Kicklighter, request having been presented from N. G. and John Fite Robertson. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from City of St. Petersburg for conveyance of 144 lots in North St. Petersburg S/D, to be used for park purposes only.

No offer having been made for the lots, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees deny the application and make counter proposal to convey title under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, without advertisement and public sale, upon payment of one-fourth the 1932 assessed value — $782.50. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
July 30, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer-Secretary.

Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells, Land Clerk, submitted information from a newspaper article that the Koreshan Unity, a religious sect, through their attorney, Clyde Wilson of Sarasota, Florida, sought to enjoin Lee County Commissioner Will Gibson from taking sand and shell from gulf frontage property on the beach at Estero on which the Unity holds a mortgage in amount of $200,000.00. Further information indicates that Mr. Gibson claims he was not removing material from property owned by the Unity but from the public domain.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Special Attorney for the board be requested to make an investigation of the operation and report back to the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District, requesting that the Trustees do not sell

> Two small islands, approximately 500 yards off shore, southeast of Sewell's Point in the Indian River, near St. Lucie Inlet—Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, containing approximately 5.278 acres in Martin County,

for the reason that they lie within the right of way or spoil area tracts granted to the United States by the Trustees.

Upon discussion of the subject and in view of recent action taken, that the Trustees would sell no more islands under their control, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Land Clerk inform applicant of the Trustees' ruling on sale of islands, also of the objection to sale filed by Florida Inland Navigation District, and suggest that a long term lease would be preferable to the Trustees—probably 20 years—on an annual rental basis of ten per cent (10%) of the offer for purchase.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $160.00 was submitted by Mr. Thad Carlton of Fort Pierce, on behalf of DiGiorgio Fruit Corporation of Winter Haven, Florida, for

> A small island located in Indian River, containing 0.16 of an acre in Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County,

lying adjacent to upland property of applicant. Offer made is at the rate of $1000.00 an acre.

The Trustees informed Mr. Carlton of the policy to make no sales of islands under control of the Trustees, but suggested that a lease for a period of twenty (20) years would be agreeable to the Trustees at a very small rental.

Mr. Carlton stated that he would submit the proposal to his clients and notify the board of the decision.

Mr. Thad Carlton informed the Trustees that he had filed application with the War Department for permit to dredge the channel leading into Taylor Creek and deposit the material on property owned by his client, DiGiorgio Fruit Corporation; that the Trustees

protested allowance of the permit until arrangements could be made for payment of the dredged material. Okeechobee County.

Mr. Elliot explained that the policy of the Trustees was that where application was made to the War Department for permission to dredge in the navigable waters of the State, the Trustees requested the Federal Government to hold up permit until applicant could make arrangements with the Trustees to pay for material to be removed.

In view of improvement to be made in Taylor Creek and the channel leading to the creek, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees withdraw protest to the application and authorize permit in favor of Mr. Carlton's client for a consideration of $1.00, conditioned that dredging of the channel be done and according to Federal specifications. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Hollis Rinehart of Miami, Florida, on behalf of Alfred Destin Company, for permit to dredge sand from Bear's and Norris Cut, for which they offer ten cents (10c) per cubic yard. Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of applicant with payment at the rate of ten cents (10c) per cubic yard and with the usual conditions required in leases of this kind. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Sperti, Inc., that its new lease not yet executed be amended by eliminating the clause requiring payment of $5000.00 annually.

Mr. Wells explained that at the meeting March 19, 1946, the Trustees indicated that it would be agreeable to authorize lease to Sperti, Inc., covering additional water areas along the coast with a required minimum annual payment of $5,000.00, conditioned that no other lease would be granted over the area applied for unless applicant would agree to construct a plant in the State approximately as required of Sperti, Inc. As an indication of the amount of agar-agar that would be removed over a period of one year, Mr. Wells submitted figures for four months operations under Lease #448 in favor of Sperti, Inc. as $20.45, under which lease a minimum payment of $5000.00 annually is required.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to eliminate for one year the clause requiring payment of $5000.00 annually and provision for construction of a plant by any other lessee from the State over the same area; that if substantial progress is not made within the year the lease will be cancelled or the $5000.00 annual payment reinstated. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, on behalf of Bessemer Properties, Inc., applied for fill material to be deposited on Jupiter Island, owned by applicant, and agreed to pay five cents (5c) per cubic yard.

Mr. Wells explained that the fill applied for would be taken from the spoil area or island which the Trustees declined to sell to Mr. Richardson's client, a lease having been suggested by the Board.

Upon discussion of the amount of material needed by applicant and the approximate yardage available from the parcel described, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize removal of fill material from the spoil bank described at a price of five cents per cubic yard, with a minimum payment of $1000.00 for material to be taken. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees also indicated that should additional material be needed to make up the amount required it could be taken from adjoining submerged areas.

Mr. Elliot presented application from H. M. Forman of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with offer of twenty-five cents an acre for lease on the following described land, title to which vested in the Trustees under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931:

> Tracts 6 and 7, Tier 13—Section 24:
> Tract 10 and S 1/2 of Tract 11, Section 25
> All in Newman's Survey
>
> Containing 43.78 acres in Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to issue lease at the price offered and that counter proposal be made to authorize five-year lease at an annual rental of $25.00 subject to sale of the land at any time. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $350.00 was presented from Theodorus Bailey for purchase of two tracts of land, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931, said parcels being described as:

W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Lot 3—5.81 acres
E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Lot 4—5.96 acres

All located in NW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Bailey and make counter proposal to accept $500.00 for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Florida State Hospital, Chattahoochee, Florida Expense Drainage Project, Belleglade Farm	$ 3.35
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Capitol Refund to correct error, Re: Pearl Pearce lease	37.01
Gail S. Lynch, Official Court Reporter, Daytona Beach, Florida, Transcript of testimony Wilson Cypress Co. vs. Trustees I. I. Fund	269.00
D. D. Moody, Surveyor, Bunnell, Florida Services as witness re: Wilson Cypress Co. vs. Trustees I. I. Fund	152.00
TOTAL	$461.36

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Sales Date	Number Bids
Brevard	6/5/46	1
Broward	5/25/46	191
Broward	6/17/46	15
Broward	7/15/46	66
Calhoun	6/17/46	4
Charlotte	6/10/46	1
Escambia	6/24/46	27
Hardee	5/6/46	4

Lake	7/8/46	26
Pasco	7/1/46	1
Palm Beach	6/7/46	2
Pinellas	5/28/46	158
Polk	5/31/46	68
Saint Johns	6/14/46	15
Santa Rosa	7/1/46	6
Sumter	6/24/46	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented for correction deeds in Broward and Volusia Counties and the Secretary reported that each request had been approved by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the following correction deeds be executed and delivered:

Broward County Deed #2871-COR. — To Daniel S. Woods, Jr., for the purpose of correcting name of subdivision;

Volusia County Deed #243-COR. — To George C. Beck for the purpose of correcting erroneous description.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented two applications for release of road right of way in Pinellas County deeds, the State Road Department having approved releases as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following quit claim deeds be issued for releasing right of ways as recommended by the State Road Department:

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed #1913—R. B. Saalfrank

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed #2381—Walter H. Childs, Sr.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that right of way easements be executed in favor of the State Road Department across Murphy Act lands as follows:

Escambia County Road #1—Sec. 4801-SRD. 20 Northwesterly 132 feet of Lot 11, Section 11, Township 1 South, Range 32 West;

Orange County Road #22—Sec. 7505-SRD. 33-Rev. The North 44.41 feet of Lot 92 of West Orlando, a S/D in Section 29, Township 22 South, Range 29 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the City of Lynn Haven, Florida, for conveyance under provisions of Chapter 20424 of 1941, of

Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, Block 140 — Lynn Haven;

Lots 17 and 18, Block 183—Lynn Haven, Bay County.

Certificate showing former ownership was filed with the Trustees together with check for $6.00 representing $1.00 per lot as required under the Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lots applied for under Chapter 20424. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from City of Cocoa, Florida, for conveyance, without payment, of

Lot 10—S/D of Lot 5, Section 28, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to deed the land without payment, and make counter proposal to issue deed under provisions of Chapter 21684, upon payment of one-fourth the 1932 assessed value—$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $61.50 was presented from City of Apalachicola, Florida, for conveyance of the following described tracts of Murphy Act land:

30x50 feet off the NE part of Lot 1, and Lots 2, 3, 5, 13, and 15, Block B-1, City of Apalachicola, Franklin County.

Information was furnished that one-fourth the 1932 assessed value was $62.50 and it was recommended that payment in that amount be required.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer from the City of Apalachicola, but authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943, at one-fourth the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from City of Zephyrhills, Florida, with offer of $630.00 for conveyance of

183 lots in a subdivision of Zephyrhills, located in Sections 11 and 14, Township 26 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County.

The offer being equal to one-fourth the 1932 assessed value, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bid and convey title to the lots described under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon report from Mr. Elliot of the resignation of an employee in his office to take effect September 1, 1946, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Secretary employ someone to fill the vacancy. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

As information to the Trustees, the Secretary reported termination by the United States of Lease Agreement No. 1 #W-09-026-Eng. 983 involving 7.83 acres of Murphy Act land in Dade County, expiration date being given as May 3, 1946.

The information was ordered filed.

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer from Murphy Act funds to account of General Revenue Fund:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368

FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue Fund $100,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
August 6, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve Minutes dated July 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 1946, as presented by the Secretary, copies having been furnished each member. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

At the meeting of June 25th, 1946, the Trustees reecived application from Sidney E. Wilson with offer of $600.00 for Columbia County land, and agreed to advertise the land for bids. The following notice was published in the Lake City Reporter on July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and August 2nd, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida, June 27th, 1946

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 6th, 1946, the following described lands in COLUMBIA COUNTY:

Lot 11, Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 16 East, containing 73.13 acres.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for bids and Mr. Wells reported that in addition to the bid from Mr. Wilson he had a bid of $650.00 from R. B. Harkness, Jr.

Upon consideration of the offers submitted, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline all bids and instruct the Land Clerk to notify interested parties that counter proposal was made to sell the property at $10.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

At the conclusion of the sale, Mr. Wells contacted the interested parties and reported back that Mr. Harkness would not raise his bid but Owen Douglas of Lake City agreed to pay $10.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale to Mr. Douglas at the price of $10.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on application from C. W. Womble with offer of $8.00 an acre, the Trustees on June 25th agreed to advertise Highlands County land for competitive bids provided applicant agrees to bid not less than $10.50 an acre on date of sale. Subsequent to June 25th R. J. Hargrove agreed to bid $10.50 an acre and the following notice was published in the Avon Park Sun on July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and August 3rd, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 27th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 6th, 1946, the following described lands in HIGHLANDS COUNTY:

Unsurveyed N 1/2 of Section 36, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, containing 320 acres.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, G. A. Devane raised the $10.50 offer to $11.25 and no further bids were made.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. DeVane. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from Roscoe C. Brown with offer of $200.00 for Putnam County land, the Trustees agreed to advertise the tract for competitive bids and the following Notice was published in The Palatka News on July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and August 2nd, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida, June 20th, 1946

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 6th, 1946, the following described lands in PUTNAM COUNTY:

A parcel or tract of land described as: In the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 East of the ordinary high water mark of the lake in the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 24 East, containing 5 acres, more or less.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, offer of $210.00 was made by R. L. Milliken, which was the highest bid received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $210.00 from Mr. Milliken for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The City of Fort Lauderdale, represented by Julian E. Ross, City Attorney, applied to the Trustees June 4th for conveyance of submerged land in New River Sound. The Trustees ordered the land advertised for objections only and the following Notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News on July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and August 3rd, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida, July 2nd, 1946

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 6th, 1946, for land in BROWARD COUNTY, described as follows:

Certain submerged lands comprising a portion of the bottom of New River Sound in Section 12, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, lying East of the Intracoastal Waterway Channel and West of the high water mark on the easterly shore. The North boundary is in a Westerly extension of the North boundary of Lot 9, Block 2, Las Olas By-the-Sea. The South boundary is parallel to and 290 feet South of the North boundary. Containing 3 3/4 acres, more or less, Broward County, Florida.

The purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND have the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections were filed, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale of the land described be consummated in favor of City of Fort Lauderdale upon payment of $10.00 an acre, the Trustees on June 25th having fixed the value of land at $40.00 an acre, agreeing to remit $30.00 an acre as the Trustees' three-fourths and requiring payment of $10.00 an acre as the equity of the School Fund. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees June 18, 1946, from Wilson Sanders, on behalf of George N. Seay, offering $250.00 for land on Lake Conway, Orange County, the following Notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel July 5th, 19th, 26th, and August 2nd, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida, June 20th, 1946

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 6th, 1946, the following described lands in ORANGE COUNTY:

Beginning at the SW corner of Lot 10, Block "B" LAKE CONWAY PARK, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "G" Page 138 of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida; run thence Southeasterly along the South line of Lots 10 and 11 to the SE Corner of Lot 11, Block "B" of Lake Conway Park; run thence Southwesterly on a prolongation of the East line of Lot 11 a distance

of 250 ft; thence Northwesterly parallel to the South line of Lots 10 and 11 a distance of 140 ft. to a point 250 ft. SW of the point of beginning; thence Northeasterly 250 ft. to the point of beginning, containing approximately 0.8 acres.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale to Mr. Seay at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees on June 18th agreed to advertise for objections Palm Beach County land applied for by B. Elliott with offer of $100.00 and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and August 2nd, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida, June 27th, 1946

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 6th, 1946, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

A small parcel of sovereignty land in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, lying adjacent to Lot 61 "A" and between said Lot 61 "A" and the U. S. Levee; between the East and West Lot Lines of Lot 61 "A" as extended, containing 14/100 acres.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been presented when the land was called out, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Elliott at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented June 18th from W. A. Cross with offer of $700.00 for Palm Beach County land, and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on July 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th and August 2nd, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida, June 26th, 1946

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 6th, 1946, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

A small parcel of sovereignty land in Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, lying between Lot 15 "B" and Lot 14 "B" and the U. S. Levee, said area lies between the East boundary line of Lot 14 "B" and the West boundary line of Lot 15 "B" as extended, contains approximately 1 acre.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, no objections were filed. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale to Mr. Cross at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based upon application presented to the Trustees June 18th, from Edward O'Grady Denison with offer of $25.00 an acre for St. Lucie County land, the following Notice was published in the Ft. Pierce News Tribune on July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and August 2nd, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida, June 27th, 1946

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 6th, 1946, the following described lands in St. Lucie County:

North 440 feet of Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 30, Township 35 South, Range 41 East, containing 26 1/2 acres.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Denison at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

In accordance with action of the Trustees June 25, 1946, on request from Ft. Pierce Inlet District, represented by D. C. Smith, the following notice was published in the Fort Pierce News Tribune on July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and August 2nd, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida, June 27th, 1946

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 6th, 1946, the following described lands in ST. LUCIE COUNTY:

That certain parcel or tract of filled in land, formerly submerged, comprising 14 acres, more or less, of the west end, south side of Causeway Island, located in unsurveyed Section 2, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, Florida. The west end of said tract lies approximately 500 feet northeasterly from the northeast end of Causeway Draw Bridge and 400 feet southeasterly from said Causeway.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land having been called out for objections, and no objections having been filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the land described be sold at $50.00 an acre as agreed upon, deed to the Inlet District to carry the clause "for public purposes," and conveyance to Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Company to be without such clause.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. G. C. Durrance came before the Trustees on behalf of William Pitchford and A. I. Padgett, and requested permission to bring ejectment suit in the name of the Trustees for the benefit of Mr. Padgett who holds lease #471 from the State on a small tract of land in St. Lucie River, Martin County, which St. Lucie Inlet Port District and M. Pierre Payette claim.

Information was furnished that Mr. Evans Crary, representing the Inlet District and Mr. Payette, came before the Trustees July 23rd and requested that the lease be cancelled. Action of the Trustees was that Mr. Crary confer with Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, and report back to the board at a later meeting; that Mr. Crary has not pursued the matter and nothing further has been done.

Mr. Durrance informed the board that if permission were given for him to bring suit in the name of the State it would settle the question of title.

It was the opinion of the Trustees that the State should defend its lease, whereupon the motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees defend their lease and that Mr. Durrance consult with Mr. Julius Parker before bringing the suit. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Chester C. Irving and John E. Young of St. Petersburg, Florida, offering $150.00 an acre for

> 50 acres of submerged land adjacent to Coon Key, or Government Lot 3, located in Boca Ceiga Bay, Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of $150.00 and make counter proposal to advertise the parcel for bids provided applicant will agree to offer not less than $250.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Proposal was submitted to the Trustees from E. D. Milam of Lakeland, Florida, for permission to use a parcel of submerged land for the purpose of constructing a dock for public fishing and enclose a basin for boats, cruisers, etc. in Lake Apopka. The parcel desired is 200 feet wide adjacent to Tract "C" Kentselman's Replat, Orange County, Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 28 East, within the extended lines of Tract "C".

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that permit be authorized on the basis of $50.00 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The following applications were presented for sovereignty land in Palm Beach County adjacent to upland ownership of applicants:

Mrs. Ora Powell, Pahokee, Florida, offers $156.40 for 0.22 of an acre in Section 8, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, adjacent to her upland property in Lot H-9 and Southwesterly 10 feet of Lot H-8; and between said property and U. S. Levee;

W. H. Jones, Jr., Pahokee, Florida, offers $127.40 for 0.182 of an acre in Section 8, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, adjacent to upland property located in Lot H-8, except southwesterly 10 feet of said lot, and between said property and the U. S. Levee.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize sale of the parcels applied for by Mrs. Powell and Mr. Jones, subject to advertisement for objections only, based on offers submitted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Three applications were presented from the State Road Department for right of way easements and fee simple deed desired in connection with State Roads as follows:

Sarasota County—Request for right of way 200 feet wide on each side of the center line of existing State Road #18—SRD #69 over East Pass, being submerged and tidal lands in Section 22, Township 36 South, Range 17 East;

Okeechobee County—Request for right of way across Taylor Creek in connection with relocation of bridge on State Road #193—SRD #13, being in Section 35, Township 37 South, Range 35 East. Right of way to be subject to Easement in favor of the United States dated February 14, 1936;

Bay County—Request fee simple deed to parcel across St. Andrews Bay in Sections 33 and 34, Township 3 South, Range 15 West, for use and benefit of State Road #10.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easements and deed as requested by the Department in the foregoing applications. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for concurrence by the Trustees in Permit to E. O. Brady of Nokomis, Florida, for use of

> That part of State Road right of way lying on the Southwesterly side of State Road #5 (U. S. No. 41) between North and South bridges to Dona Bay, Sarasota County.

Information was furnished that the State Road Department holds easement from the Trustees over the parcel described and has no immediate plans for using the land; that Mr. Brady has for several years been leasing the land from Venice Land Company on the assumption that the company was the owner. The proposed permit provides for a revocable feature after ninety (90) days notice. No structure to be placed nearer the highway than 54 1/2 feet from pavement. No public nuisance to be placed on the premises. Permit not transferable and no property rights to be granted. Consideration of $300.00 to be paid the Trustees at the end of each year as rental for the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees concur in permit in favor of Mr. Brady upon the terms and conditions as outlined. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from Nathan Crews with offer of $100.00 for land, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14717—Everglades Act—the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on July 9th, 26th, and August 2, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida, July 13th, 1946

NOTICE

> NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale for competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., August 6, 1946, lands in Palm Beach County described as follows:

All Block M, Lake Worth Heights, as in Plat Book 7, Page 25, Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 43 East.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By Order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale and an offer of $160.00 was presented from Lamar Johnson, including the advertising costs. No other bids were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Johnson and authorize execution of deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from C. H. Overman, Director, State Improvement Commission, transmitting "SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 1 TRANSFERRING IMPROVEMENTS TO LESSOR" involving certain State land in Sections 22 and 27, Township 4 South, Range 15 West, Bay County, Florida, which were leased to the United States of America August 10, 1943.

Information was furnished that the land in Section 22 is fee simple land and that in Section 27 came to the State under Chapter 18296—the Murphy Act; that the property is generally known as "Base End Towers" and the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions has approved purchase of the improvements at a cost of $800.00 which improvements will be turned over to the Florida Park Service as a nucleus for a state park. It was recommended that the Trustees convey the land covered by the lease to the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks as a site for a state park.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the instrument transferring improvements and terminating lease with the United States, and approve conveyance of the land to the Florida Board of Forestry

and Parks. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered issued covering fee simple land and Murphy Act land respectively.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Mr. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Florida
To State School Fund, 25 percent receipts from State Lands ..... $ 9,897.61

Mr. J. E. Whidden, Okeechobee, Florida
To refund land sale under Deed #19072 Dated July 9, 1945 ..... 556.85

TOTAL $10,454.46

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Bids
Alachua	7/24/46	17
Baker	7/8/46	1
Brevard	7/5/46	123
Clay	7/15/46	53
Clay	7/27/46	1
Citrus	7/8/46	6
Dade	7/3/46	30
Dade	7/5/46	27
Dade	7/12/46	44
DeSoto	7/30/46	1
Franklin	6/10/46	5
Franklin	7/8/46	4
Hillsborough	7/2/46	78
Hillsborough	7/15/46	53
Indian River	7/22/46	107
Jefferson	7/8/46	7
Manatee	7/1/46	32
Marion	7/23/46	12
Martin	6/10/46	1
Nassau	7/29/46	12
Okeechobee	7/15/46	11
Palm Beach	6/7/46	99
Palm Beach	7/12/46	47
Palm Beach	7/12/46	8
Putnam	7/6/46	24

Sarasota	7/29/46	24
Seminole	7/2/46	64
Sumter	7/15/46	26
Suwannee	7/8/46	9

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted for release of right of way reservation in Hillsborough County #4449. Information was furnished that the State Road Department had approved releasing the right of way as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize release of the reservation and execution of Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #4449 in favor of John A. and Evelyn Sewell. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following correction deeds be authorized, information having been furnished that the requests had been approved by the Attorney General's office:

Martin County Deed #309-COR to Carl Sutton
Martin County Deed #320-COR to J. D. Barton
Martin County Deed #321-COR to Jesse Lee
Orange County Deed #1512-COR to E. A. Dawley
Sarasota County Deed #873-COR to Sam B. Blanton.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of Titusville for conveyance of a small parcel of land used as an alley, described as:

W 8 feet of E 98 feet of Lot 1 (Less E 4' of S 75') Block 7, Plat of Titusville, Section 30, Township 22 S, Range 35 E, Brevard County.

No offer was made for the parcel. 1932 assessed value given as $80.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the tract under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $250.00 was presented from the City of Leesburg for deed to Lake County land, being

Lots 15 to 25, both inclusive, Block 39, Silver Lake Estates.

Upon information that the offer was equal to one-fourth the 1932 assessed value, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees convey the lots under Chapter 21684 of 1943, at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following Special Case Committee Report be adopted as the action of the Trustees:

August 3, 1946

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund
C A P I T O L

Re: Report on Murphy sales in Special Cases.

Gentlemen:

Your committee undersigned, having examined the list of properties submitted to it by the Secretary-Engineer of your board, representing Murphy land sales for prices considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bid shown upon sheets numbered from 451 to 468, dealing separately on each sheet with each separate tract, the said sheets being made to accompany this report and enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture
J. EDWIN LARSON
Treasurer
J. TOM WATSON
Attorney General

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encls.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
August 13, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Notice having been given of a hearing on this date in reference to granting permits for removal of coquina shell and sand from the Jacksonville Beach area, the Governor opened the meeting for hearing interested parties on the subject.

W. A. Stanley, City Attorney for Jacksonville Beach, Florida, presented resolution adopted by the City Council, requesting that lease or permit be granted to the City giving it jurisdiction to regulate, supervise and administer removal of sand and coquina from the Atlantic Ocean beach within the corporate limits of Jacksonville Beach, including the right in said City to remove and use such material for municipal purposes, under such conditions or limitations as may be deemed appropriate. The City desires assurance that it can continue to remove such materials as needed for useful public conveniences.

Upon inquiry from the Governor as to whether agreement had been reached between the City and other interested parties, Mr. Stanley stated that the City held hearings on the subject and that there were protests against commercial removal of the sand and shell.

Governor Caldwell asked if there would be any objection to the City taking over the handling of coquina and sand on the beach, and acting as the agent of the State in permitting private persons to remove the material under certain conditions and circumstances that would not be harmful to the beach or in violation of the policies of the Trustees.

J. T. McCormick, who recently made application for a lease to remove sand and shell from the beach, assured the Trustees that such arrangement would be satisfactory with his company.

William D. Jones, representing client, stated that his client was opposed to commercial mining of sand or shell from Jacksonville Beach area, but should the policy be adopted to allow removal of the material his client would like to submit a proposal to secure a lease. He asked that before any permits or leases are given his client be allowed to come before the Board and submit his plan.

Mr. Jones also suggested that there was a considerable area beyond Ponte Vedra, where no homes are built or any development of any kind, where sand and shell can be removed without damage to anyone.

Miss L. A. Wands of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, representing a group of property owners, evidenced by a petition signed by approximately 160 persons, protested the mining of sand from anywhere along the beach within the City limits of Jacksonville Beach. She displayed pictures, one showing condition of the beach and the damage done as a result of dragline operations, and the other showing condition of the beach sometime after dragline operations had ceased and its restoration to good condition. She objected to use of the beach except for bathing and recreational purposes, on the ground that the trucks and machinery used in the operations were dangerous to children on the beach and such operations should not be allowed to continue.

Mr. Larson inquired whether any other towns along the beach were involved, to which Mr. Jones replied that there were—Neptune and Atlantic Beach—but as far as he knew the majority of the material had been removed from in front of Jacksonville Beach, consisting of approximately four (4) miles, stopping at the St. Johns County line.

Mr. J. T. McCormick informed the Board that when he appeared before them recently he was asked to approach the City of Jacksonville Beach authorities and see what arrangements could be made for cooperation between the City and private operators; that he had done so resulting in adoption of the resolution by the City Council presented here today; that protests filed to removal of materials from the beach were made for the purpose of stopping traffic on the beach.

Mayor H. A. Prather informed the board that the City would like very much to have authority to remove

approximately seventy-five (75) truckloads of sand and shell from the beach each month for public works of the municipality.

W. E. Montgomery of the City Council urged the Trustees to allow the City to remove material, stating that they have contracts for paving amounting to approximately $70,000.00 which cost will run considerably more if sand and shell cannot be obtained from the beach. The City is asking that it be given control of that area in order to regulate removal of coquina and sand; that property owners along the beach be allowed to fill in their lots with material to be removed from designated places and with machinery that will not be detrimental to the public or property owners.

Mr. Jones objected to the Trustees delegating its authority over sovereignty land of the State to the City or any other agency.

Governor Caldwell replied that the City would only act as the agent of the State for removal of sand and shell from the beach.

Telegrams and letters were presented from residents of the beaches, some protesting commercial mining operations and others protesting the operations until proper compensation could be arranged in advance for any damage to property.

Governor Caldwell suggested that as temporary arrangement, for a period of six months, the City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, be designated as the agent of the Trustees for supervising the taking of coquina shell and sand from the beach within the City limits of Jacksonville Beach, such authority to be restricted to the taking of such material as will not damage the beach; that for the material which the City will use for its own public purposes no charge be made, but in consideration therefor the City obligates itself to collect ten cents (10c) per cubic yard for all sand and shell taken by private concerns for commercial purposes, remitting such amount to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the suggestion of the Governor be approved as the action of the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

It was understood that the foregoing action had no reference to Atlantic and Neptune beaches, those areas to be treated as other beaches in the State.

Consideration was given to hearing objections, if any, to the issuance of an oil lease in favor of K.

Hughes of Texas, on lake areas in Lake County and it was agreed that Commissioner of Agriculture, Nathan Mayo, would hold a hearing September 13th and allow opportunity for residents of that section to be heard. It was so ordered.

Upon discussion of letter from Florida Inland Navigation District, protesting sale of certain islands in Martin County, advertised to be sold August 20th, it was decided to defer action until date of sale.

Two applications were received from Humble Oil & Refining Company for oil leases as follows:

> The reserved interest for oil, gas and mineral in All Section 12 and Section 11 less South 400 acres, Township 44 South, Range 39 East, Palm Beach, County;
>
> Section 2, Township 47 South, Range 28 East, Collier County, for oil, gas and mineral rights.

The parcels described were desired for blocking up areas already under lease to the Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise for bids the land described to be leased for oil, gas and mineral purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from M. S. Ryan for purchase of

> Lot 1, Block 35, Beach Park S/D Hillsborough County,

for which he offers $103.48.

Information was furnished that title to the lot came to the Trustees by Master's deed under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, amount of decree being $103.48.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Ryan and make counter proposal to sell the lot at a price of $150.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Financial statements for the month of July are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of July 1, 1946			$678,123.82
Receipts for the month			
Land Sales		$34,225.01	
Land Sales — Chap. 14572 — Sarasota County	$ 355.00		
Hillsborough County	25.00		
	380.00		
Land Sales — Chap. 14717 — Martin County	79.80		
Broward County (E. D. D. Tax Sale Cert. 2,389, 1929)	350.00		
Palm Beach County	47,952.37	48,382.17	
Agricultural Lease		1,417.50	
Commercial Land Lease		600.00	
Mineral Leases		125.00	
Timber Leases		1,970.88	
Sand & Shell Leases		1,436.45	
Sea-weed Lease		7.30	
Grazing Lease		24.50	
Oil Leases		2,469.93	
Lease to Explore for Precious Metals etc.		100.00	
10 Year Campsite Lease		40.00	
Printed Volume of Minutes		11.00	
Refund of Everglades Drainage District Taxes		2,506.50	
Interest		78.67	
Certified Copy of Deed — Dade County—Under Chap. 14717		2.00	
Total Receipts for the month of July, 1946			93,776.91
TOTAL			$771,900.73
Less Disbursements for the month of July, 1946			7,935.17
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1946			$763,965.56

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
7-16-46	3307	J. Alex Arnette CCC	$ 495.37
7-18-46	6961	Frank J. Heintz AAG	61.21
	6964	Southeastern Telephone Co.	17.50
	6965	Capital Office Equipment Co.	3.80
	6966	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	3.85
	6967	The Okeechobee News	12.00
	6968	Parker & Foster	2.69
	6969	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	5.00
	6970	Ft. Lauderdale Daily News	5.00
	6971	Geo. J. Dykes CCC	1.70
	6972	E. B. Leatherman CCC	21.50
	6973	Earnest Overstreet T.C.	197.42
	6974	The Miami Herald	26.78
7-20-46	9044	W. A. Wynne CCC	138.62
7-22-46	9955	Comptroller of Florida	42.55
7-26-46	10815	Bill's Auto Service	26.00
	10816	Morgan Pump Co.	2,250.00
	10817	J. I. Freedlund	853.38
	10818	Associated Concrete Pipe Co.	1,560.80
	10819	Glades Appliance Corp.	47.00
7-31-46	18878	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	18879	Geraldine Davis	176.90
	18881	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	18882	M. O. Barco	145.50
	18883	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	18884	J. B. Lee	19.00
	18885	W. B. Granger	47.50
	18886	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
	18887	A. C. Bridges	259.65
		5% Retirement Fund	51.00
		Withholding Tax	315.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR JULY, 1946			$7,935.17

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of July 1, 1946	$61,159.89
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
Balance as of July 31, 1946	$61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of July 1, 1946	$2,891.05
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
Balance as of July 31, 1946	$2,891.05

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of July 1, 1946	$180,047.01
Receipts for the month	37,321.00
Total	$217,368.01
Less Disbursements for the month	1,602.16
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1946	$215,765.85

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
7-18-46	6320	The Western Union Telegraph Co.	$ 9.12
	6321	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	5.85
7-31-46	10935	Chas. W. & Elabelle Geiger	20.00
	10936	J. Frank Roberts	5.00
	10937	R. W. Baughman	52.00
	17850	Ernest Hewitt	261.20
	17851	Helen Phillips	184.80
	17852	Mary Evans Voss	153.50
	17853	J. R. Roberts	174.40
	17854	M. O. Barco	23.75
	17855	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	17856	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	17857	Mildred F. Scott	144.15
	17858	Lidie M. Moss	117.10
	17859	Bonnie G. Shelfer	124.80
	17860	Ida Pope	84.49
		5% Retirement Fund	36.20
		Withholding Tax	130.30

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR JULY, 1946 ..... $1,602.16

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	9/18/45	1
Brevard	8/7/46	113
Clay	8/10/46	1
Dade	7/24/46	57
Dade	7/26/46	1

Duval	6/12/46	101
Escambia	6/24/46	1
Hamilton	9/24/45	12
Manatee	7/1/46	1
Osceola	7/31/46	1
Pinellas	9/18/45	1
Pinellas	12/18/45	3
Pinellas	2/5/46	1
Pinellas	4/16/46	1
Polk	4/30/46	1
St. Johns	6/14/46	1
St. Johns	7/18/46	22
Seminole	6/2/46	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for Broward County correction deed to correct name of grantee.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of

> Broward County Deed #2721-COR to T. L. Staton

the Attorney General's office having approved issuance of the deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for easement across Putnam County land to be used as right of way in connection with State Road #3.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department as follows:

> R/W Easement for Putnam County Road #3-SRD #35, Part of Lot 9, Block 38, Baileyville S/D of Section 1, Township 10 S, Range 26 E.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from the City of Jacksonville, Florida, for conveyance without payment of

> Unnumbered lot 36 feet wide lying between Lots B and C, Wilson, Clarkson & Williams

S/D, an addition to Blocks 7 and 8, James S/D Riverside-Duval County—to be used for opening Bayard Street to the St. Johns River.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lot under Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of $50.00, deed to contain clause that the land is to be used for public purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the City of Jacksonville, Florida, that the Trustees convey a parcel of Duval County land to be used for opening Summer Street, between Hunt and Nolan Streets.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the following described parcel under the provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of $15.00, which is one-fourth the 1932 assessed value:

Lot 27, Block 2, Trasher's S/D—Part of SW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 2 South, Range 26 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
August 22, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the following salaries, transfer

to State School Fund and other bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	$ 425.00
M. O. Barco, Sec-Clerk Land & Taxes	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec.-Clerk Records & Minutes	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor & Bookkeeper	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	185.00
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	5.70
Palm Beach Publications, Inc., West Palm Beach	6.75
Parker and Foster, Tallahassee	4.40
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	1.10
Geo. G. Crawford, CCC, Tallahassee	1.25
Comptroller, State of Florida, Tallahassee	17.95
Transfer to Trustees Account #610 from U. S. G. S. Cooperative Fund	864.31
TOTAL	$3,064.46

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the following salaries and other bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Company, Tallahassee	$ 6.26
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	5.71
The H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville	63.50
J. Kenneth Ballinger, Attorney, Tallahassee	66.80
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	286.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec.-Clerk Land & Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec.-Clerk Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk	165.00
Lidie M. Moss, Clerk	130.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	150.00
Ida Pope, Clerk	125.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk	62.92
TOTAL	$1,524.19

The refund checks listed as follows were issued during the month of August, 1946, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

J. W. Smith and Alice Bowker Smith, c/o Ray E. Green, C.C.C. Pinellas County, Clearwater, Florida ..... $ 18.00
R. W. Baughman, c/o Ray E. Green, C.C.C., Pinellas County, Clearwater, Florida..... 135.00

TOTAL $153.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
August 27, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells reported two sales, advertised for objections only and one sale for objections and bids, to be heard August 20th, on which date a quorum of the Board was not present; that the bids and objections were received and held for further consideration at this meeting.

Palm Beach County land applied for by Carmen Salvatore, on behalf of Pahokee American Legion Post #90, with offer of $50.00, was ordered advertised at the meeting July 2, and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post July 20, 27, August 3, 10 and 17, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 8th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 20th, 1946, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

A parcel of sovereignty land adjacent to an unnumbered Lot between Lots A-67 and A-68, Section 18, Township 42, South, Range 37 East, described as follows:

Begin at the NE Corner of Lot A-68, aforesaid, thence, N. 29° 41' West 94.65 feet, along the East Lot Line of Lot A-68, projected; thence North 58° 12' 40" East 50.0 feet along the U. S. R/W Line; thence South 29° 41' East 94.04 feet to the NE Corner of Lot A-67; thence South 57° 10' 30" West 50 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

On date of sale no objections were presented when the land was called out.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve sale in favor of Pahokee American Legion Post at the price offered and authorize execution of deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Orange County land applied for by Robert L. Hodges, on behalf of J. W. Nash, with offer of $45.00, was ordered advertised June 18, 1946 and the following Notice was published July 19, 26, August 2, 9 and 16, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 13th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 20th, 1946, the following described land in ORANGE COUNTY:

That parcel of reclaimed Lake Conway bottom land lying between the projected lot lines of Lot 44 C. H. Hoffners Subdivision, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "F", Page 37, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and the present high water mark of Lake Conway, comprising approximately one-seventh of an acre, more or less.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been presented to sale, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Nash at the price offered and authorize execution of deed conveying the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees hold in abeyance consideration of Martin County sale of two islands southeast of Sewall's Point advertised to be sold August 20th, to which objections were filed by the Florida Inland Navigation District, and notify all interested parties that they can be heard by the Board in Tallahassee on September 10, 1946. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for easement covering a strip across Goodland Bay, in Township 52 South, Range 27 East, Collier County. Tract desired is 400 feet wide, being 200 feet on each side of the center line of State Road #27-A.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant easement requested by the State Road Department through Collier County land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $125.00 an acre was presented from Lucius S. Ruder of Clearwater, Florida, for

> 16.98 acres of submerged land in Clearwater Harbor, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County,

it being agreed that deed may carry the provision that the property will never be filled in.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the land be advertised for objections based on offer submitted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Attention was called to flood conditions in and around Lake Geneva in Bradford and Clay Counties, Florida. Attorney General Watson stated that the County Commissioners feel that something should be done to remedy the overflow of one lake into another and furnish proper drainage to carry away excess waters; that it had been ascertained that there were no State roads involved and therefore the area was not subject to the drainage program of the State Road Department.

Mr. Elliot reported that there had been no artificial work done within the meander of any of the lakes, or affecting any lake over which the Trustees have control and therefore no State jurisdiction was involved. The Secretary read a report which he had prepared on the subject, giving information as to the size of Lake Geneva, its normal elevation compared with its present flooded condition, the area which this lake serves as a catch basin and what should be done to permanently correct the condition.

After discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that Mr. Elliot and someone from the Attorney General's office be requested to go down to Lake Geneva and take the matter up with County Commissioners of

Clay County, with a view to working out some plan of procedure for preventing a recurrence of the present flood condition. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Action was deferred on application from J. T. McCormick, on behalf of B. B. McCormick & Sons, Inc., Jacksonville Beach, Florida, for lease to remove sand and coquina shell from the Jacksonville Beach area, pending investigation by the Land Clerk of the area from which material will be removed. It was so ordered.

Discussion was also had in connection with removal of sand and coquina shell from the beach in front of the towns of Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach and Ponte Vedra, and it was the opinion of the Board that no permits be given for taking material from the beach in front of any town but that such operations be confined to uninhabited areas outside of towns.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following bids be declined, the appraised value being in excess of the price offered:

> Keen & O'Kelly, for client, offer $10.00 an acre for lake bottom land in Sections 19, 20, 29 and 30, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County;
>
> R. I. Hamrick and Archie Bass offer $7.50 an acre for Sections 7 and 18, Township 44 South, Range 40 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $10.00 an acre was submitted from G. A. DeVane of Lake Placid, Florida, for purchase of

> Unsurveyed NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, containing 160 acres in Highlands County.

Upon motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, the Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer of $10.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees recently having agreed to modify proposed lease in favor of Sperti, Inc., by eliminating

the clause requiring payment of $5,000.00 annually, Mr. Wells reported that the Company desires that there be retained in the lease the requirement that any other lease for removing seaweed from the same area be required to construct a plant in the State equal in value to that of Sperti, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to grant request and stand by action taken July 30, 1946. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from A. R. Richardson, on behalf of Bessemer Properties, Inc., offering $150.00 for two-year lease on

A small island near Jupiter, Florida in Township 40 South, Range 43 East, containing 1.46 acres in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Richardson, for his clients, agreed that the island would remain in its present condition and no use be made of it.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize two-year lease in favor of Bessemer Properties, Inc., upon payment of $150.00; lease to include non-use clause. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees instructed that investigation be made of operations by C. R. Hagan in removing cypress posts from Dead Lakes in Calhoun and Gulf Counties, Mr. Hagan having offered to pay seven cents (7c) each for posts. It was so ordered.

Offer of $1,000.00 was presented from S. J. Stubbs for purchase of cypress timber located on

Sections 14, 18, 31, 32 and 33, Township 16 South, Range 29 East, Volusia County.

Mr. Wells reported that S. S. Savage, former Land Appraiser, furnished information that there are about 98,000 feet of cypress and 5,000 feet of pine timber, all of which is very inaccessible, and the price offered is in line with its value.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer and make counter proposal to accept $1,250.00 for the timber. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $12.50 an acre was presented from T. H. Green for purchase of

> NE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 6 East, Containing 155.59 acres in Jefferson County.

Appraisal made by the Forestry Department gives a total value for land and timber of $4,874.00.

The Board directed that Mr. Green be advised of the appraised value and ascertain if he is interested in making a bid of not less than the appraisal. It was so ordered.

Application was presented from Walter S. Hardin with offer of $300.00 for purchase of

> Submerged land between Pickett's Key and Jew Fish Key in Sections 14 and 15, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, containing approximately 3 acres in Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Hardin and make counter proposal to advertise the land for bids provided he will agree to pay not less than $450.00 on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for deed covering the following described land:

> That part of Sections 10, 11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 27, 33, and that part of Section 34 lying on the northerly side of West Palm Beach Canal, all in Township 41 South, Range 37 East, which lie between the Easterly right of way line of the Florida East Coast Railway and the Westerly right of way line of State Road #194 (Conners Highway) as the same is now constructed, containing 20 acres in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land applied for by the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented memorandum from the Attorney General concerning litigation recently concluded in the Supreme Court, involving tide lands along the shore of St. Lucie County at Fort Pierce, claimed by Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company.

Without objection the memorandum was ordered filed, each member of the Trustees having been furnished with a copy.

Offer of $150.00 each was presented from Dorothy S. Mead for the following lots in Sarasota County, title to said property having vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 3;
Lots 2, 3, 14, 15 and 27, Block 8;
Lot 23, Block 9;
Lots 8, 9, 18, 19, 28 and 29, Block 11;
Lot 5, Block 12, and
Lot 5, Block 29,
All located on Siesta Key, Sarasota Beach.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from Miss Mead for the lots described and authorize deed executed conveying the title. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented list of bids received for printing the Minutes of the Trustees for the period commencing January 1945 and ending June 30, 1946:

Artcraft Printers	$4.40 per page
Capital City Publishing Company	3.85 per page
H. & W. B. Drew Company	5.20 per page
Rose Printing Company	3.92 per page

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the lowest bid submitted for printing the Minutes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, that the following expense accounts be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Hon. R. A. Gray, Tallahassee, Fla.	$ 53.22
Julius F. Parker, Tallahassee, Fla.	54.57
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Fla.	16.23
TOTAL	$124.02

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Bay	8/5/46	9
Brevard	8/18/46	1
Charlotte	7/8/46	22
Charlotte	8/12/46	3
Citrus	8/12/46	7
Dade	7/24/46	2
Dixie	8/19/46	2
Duval	6/25/46	152
Flagler	8/5/46	5
Hardee	7/1/46	25
Hendry	7/29/46	12
Hendry	8/12/46	1
Hillsborough	7/15/46	2
Hillsborough	7/29/46	120
Hillsborough	8/6/46	7
Holmes	8/5/46	1
Holmes	8/23/46	1
Indian River	8/12/46	19
Lake	8/12/46	66
Manatee	8/5/46	12
Monroe	8/5/46	25
Osceola	3/18/46	1
Osceola	7/22/46	61
Pasco	8/5/46	17
Pinellas	5/29/45	1
Pinellas	7/17/45	1
Pinellas	10/16/45	1
Pinellas	2/5/46	1
Pinellas	4/16/46	1
Polk	6/28/46	76
Putnam	7/6/46	2
Putnam	8/3/46	15
St. Lucie	8/5/46	50
Sarasota	8/12/46	25
Seminole	8/12/46	15
Taylor	7/26/46	1
Taylor	8/2/46	1
Taylor	8/9/46	8
Volusia	8/5/46	64

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve the list of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for release of State Road right of way reservation in deeds executed by the Trustees, with information that the State Road Department has approved release in each application.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of the following deeds:

Brevard County Q. C. Deed #136 to Alfred G. Humphrys and Effie May Humphrys;
Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #2589 to Emma F. Starrett;
Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #2770 to Alice H. Smith;
Pinellas County Q. C. Deed #1049 to Irene M. Cameron.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the following correction deeds be executed by the Trustees, the Attorney General's office having approved the issuance of each:

Hillsborough County Supplemental Deed #395-A to United Assets Corp.—To correct erroneous description;

Dade County Deed No. 3845-Cor. to Thomas McDougall, C. S. Caldwell, W. E. Walsh, Grayce D. Latus and W. S. Walsh.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds authorized executed

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Consideration was given to disposition of

All Section 4, Township 10 South, Range 21 East, Alachua County,

all of said section being under the waters of Newnans Lake. No action taken.

Application was presented from City of Punta Gorda for conveyance of the following described lots:

Lots 15 and 16, Block "E" Wood's 2nd Add. Punta Gorda;
Lots 24 to 37, Block "N" Wood's 2nd Add. Punta Gorda;
Lot 90 SFJ Traube's Add. to Punta Gorda;
Lot 27, Block 66, Punta Gorda;
Charlotte County.

The City offered $162.50 for the lots, which is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer and convey the lots to the City of Punta Gorda under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, with offer of $32.50 for conveyance of certain lots in St. Lucie County described as,

> Lots 1 to 6 and 40 to 45, inclusive, Block 1, Fairhaven S/D of Section 17, Township 35 South, Range 40 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lots applied for, the price offered being equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, and execute deed under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the United States for stipulation on the part of the Trustees accepting the appraised value for Bay County property—Tracts 147 to 218, inclusive—involved in condemnation proceedings designated as

> United States v. 365 acres of land, more or less, Situate in Bay County, Florida, and Sarah A. Tucker, et al., MCA No. 70—File No. 5094.

Information was furnished that the appraisal by the United States was in excess of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value and stipulation had heretofore been authorized covering Tracts 1 to 138, inclusive, in the same proceedings.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Attorney General be authorized to execute stipulation on the part of the Trustees, accepting the appraisal placed on the property by the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted. .

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the following Murphy Act certificates and transmit to the Comptroller for handling, the Attorney General's office having approved the following requests submitted from the Clerks of the Circuit Courts:

ALACHUA COUNTY
Ctf. No. 2751 1933

DUVAL COUNTY
Ctf. No. 5063 1928
23911 1933

FLAGLER COUNTY
Ctf. No. 603 1922
605 1922

NASSAU COUNTY
Ctf. No. 1 1907
12 1923

SARASOTA COUNTY
Ctf. No. 9705 1933

OKALOOSA COUNTY
Ctf. No. 878 1933

ALACHUA COUNTY
Ctf. No. 854 1929
5529 1933

ORANGE COUNTY
Ctf. No. 6475 1935

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that Murphy Act sale had been held in Martin County August 12, 1946, involving certain land located within the boundary of Camp Murphy; that among the bidders were Mr. Clayton C. Townes and Judge C. E. Chillingworth, both of whom have indicated that they would like to see the area within Camp Murphy included in a State Park; that at a conference in the Trustees' office with State Senator Evans Crary of Martin County, Mr. Townes, State Park Director L. G. Scoggin and the Trustees' Secretary, it was suggested that confirmation of the sale of Murphy Act land referred to be deferred pending working out acquisition of United States property at Camp Murphy for park purposes or whatever public use might be deemed for the best interest of the State.

Governor Caldwell remarked that some consideration had been given to acquisition of the tract for a State Tuberculosis Hospital and that it would be ideal for that purpose.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that confirmation of Martin County Murphy

Act sale be postponed pending working out disposition of the Camp Murphy property owned by the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported transfer of funds from August receipts under Chapter 18296 to General Revenue as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund....$75,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
September 3, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Consideration was given to sale of Pinellas County land applied for by John C. Blocker, on behalf of Charles B. Fulghum, with offer of $150.00 an acre, the following Notice having been published in the St. Petersburg Times on August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 22nd, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., September 3rd, 1946, for land in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

Beginning at a point 640 feet north of the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, running thence W. 490 feet; thence N. 44 degrees 59 minutes West 282.75 feet; thence E. 687 feet; thence S. 200 feet to point of beginning, containing 2.70 acres, more or less.

The purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the description being called out, no objections were filed, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve sale in favor of Mr. Fulghum at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Palm Beach County land having been ordered advertised, on application from Herbert D. Beck, on behalf of J. W. Strickland, with offer of $200.00 for the parcel, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 18th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., September 3rd, 1946, for land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

.91 of an acre of sovereignty land in the Southeast Corner of Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 36 East.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertising.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, no objections were filed, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the offer of $200.00 from Mr. Strickland be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees having agreed August 18, 1946, to advertise for competitive bids land in Seminole County, applied for by George A. Speer, Jr., on behalf of C. S. Lee, with offer of $8.00 an acre, the following Notice was published in the Sanford Herald on August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 24th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. September 3rd, 1946, the following described lands in SEMINOLE COUNTY:

NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 19, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, containing 40 acres.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale, resulting in a bid of $8.50 an acre from Annie B. Jacobs.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept bid of $8.50 an acre from Annie B. Jacobs. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Erle B. Askew presented letter from Henry S. Baynard, Attorney for R. H. Sumner, Jr., containing information that agreement had been reached between his client and the holder of tax deed covering Pinellas County land in question. Proposal signed by interested parties was also presented.

Action heretofore taken was reviewed substantially as follows: "That on August 15, 1939, proposal was made by R. H. Sumner, Jr., and accepted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, providing for foreclosure at the expense of Mr. Sumner of Mortgage #17460 dated January 15, 1925, and revesting of title in the State, together with evidence of cancellation of tax deed issued to Walter Collany against a part of the land; that upon completion of foreclosure proceedings and cancellation of tax deed, and revesting of title in the State, the Trustees agreed to convey to Mr. Sumner one-fourth of the land involved in Mortgage #17460. Pursuant to such agreement the mortgage was foreclosed but cancellation of tax deed was not effectuated."

On April 24, 1945, Mr. Askew, representing Walter Collany and C. Frank Harrison; also John Bull and R. H. Sumner, Jr., came before the Trustees and submitted separate proposals for conveyance of the land. Action of the Trustees on that date was that attorneys for both interests attempt to reconcile differences and resubmit the case to the Trustees for further consideration. In compliance therewith all interested parties have agreed to the following:

> "That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund convey to Walter Collany, Howard Rees and C. Frank Harrison that portion of the 212.06 acres designated as, 'From the Northwest corner of Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, run South 8 degrees 46 minutes 37 seconds East 21,060 feet for point of beginning, thence by metes and bounds description to the point of beginning, containing 53.930 acres, lying in Sections 19 and 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinelas County.'"

The agreement further provided that upon the Trustees conveying to the parties aforesaid the tract described, the said Walter Collany, Howard Rees, C. Frank Harrison and Robert H. Sumner, Jr., will quit claim to the Trustees all the remainder of the land known as Shell Island.

After discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the proposal and agreement submitted by Mr. Askew and signed by Walter Collany, Howard Rees, C. Frank Harrison and Robert H. Sumner, Jr. be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. T. R. Stacy, representing Gulf Oil Company, submitted to the Board that there was difference of opinion between the Company and the Land Office as to construction to be placed on paragraphs 4 and 5 of Lease #362 dated September 5, 1944, having reference to exemption from payment of rentals in event a dry hole should be drilled.

Mr. Julius Parker, Attorney for the Trustees, was present and gave as his opinion that the terms of the lease intended that rentals would be excused only on the two sections selected on which the dry hole was drilled, but did not apply to the entire acreage.

Upon discussion of the questions involved, motion was offered by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that action be postponed for attention by the full board, without prejudice to either party—Trustees or Lessee, Gulf Oil Company—and in the meantime Mr. Parker be instructed to get as much information as possible in order to have all facts ready for consideration. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer of $12.50 an acre from T. H. Green for purchase of

> NE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 6 East, Containing 155.59 acres in Jefferson County,

the appraised value of the property being in excess of offer made. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from V. C. Denton with offer at the rate of $700.00 an acre for purchase of

Lots 54-"A" and 55-"A", Supplemental Plat of Fractional Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, and sovereignty land abutting said lots in Ridgeway Beach, containing 0.71 of an acre in Palm Beach County,

adjacent to his upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Lee, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Denton, subject to advertisement of the land for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $100.00 annually was submitted from Willard Utley of West Palm Beach for ten year lease on "Little Munyon Island" in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County.

Information was furnished that applicant desires to build a home on the island at an approximate cost of $7,500.00 and would like to have option for renewal of the lease.

Upon consideration of the application, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the island for lease, subject to objections and competitive bids, based on offer of $100.00 annually; advertisement to contain information that the island will be used for residential purposes only, the building to cost not less than $7,500.00; that option for renewal be conditioned upon agreement as to price at time of renewal. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from H. T. Cook of Bunnell, Florida, representing Marine Studios, Inc., that the Trustees renew Lease #206 which expired August 18, 1946, for a period of five (5) years upon payment of $10.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees renew Flagler County Lease #206 for five years from August 18, 1946, at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Cracker Oil Company for extension of Oil Lease #168 covering 1406 acres of land in Dade County, said lease having expired April 1, 1946. Information was furnished that payment for one year in advance has been received by the Land Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize extension of Lease #168 for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 1946, with the distinct understanding that no further extensions will be granted unless drilling requirements are carried out. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $100.00 an acre was presented from C. A. Bailey, on behalf of J. B. Bolton, for purchase of

> Parcel of Lake Bottom land in Section 2, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, and in Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, comprising 125.59 acres in Palm Beach County, located about one-half mile North of Lake Harbor.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the offer be declined and counter proposal made to sell at $150.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees August 27th, he had visited Jacksonville Beach and adjacent beaches on the Atlantic Ocean; that coquina shell and sand were being removed from the Jacksonville Beach area under agreement between the Trustees and the City Council; that with reference to other beaches along the ocean in that vicinity, his recommendation was that no permits for removal of any material be granted within the boundaries of the towns of Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach and Ponte Vedra, and any permits granted to provide for material to be taken from an area south of Ponte Vedra.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the recommendation of Mr. Wells be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from E. M. Beardslee, City Manager of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, inquiring if the Trustees expected to charge ten cents (10c) per cubic yard for approximately nine thousand (9,000) yards of coquina shell to be removed by B. B. McCormick & Sons, Inc., in fulfilling pavement contract for the City of Jacksonville Beach.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees not require payment for the material to be used in paving contract referred to. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. J. Velma Keen submitted application from Benj. B. Dunn of Nokomis, Florida, for purchase of an unidentified island in Venice Bay, containing approximately one (1) acre in Sarasota County. The island is desired for commercial fishing purposes.

The Trustees having adopted the policy of not selling islands, Mr. Keen was advised that no sales were being made but consideration would be given to leasing the area.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees advertise the island for lease, subject to objections and bids, based on minimum bid of $25.00 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and Mr. Keen was requested to get in touch with his client and notify the Trustees his decision.

Mr. S. D. Clarke, on behalf of Ashley Johnson, came before the Trustees with request that his client be granted lease on the northwest side of Ochlockonee Bay bridge in lieu of Lease #467 cancelled by the Trustees July 23rd. He explained that upon resurvey of the State ownership on the Wakulla County side of the bridge it was ascertained that the building under construction by Mr. Johnson was actually on privately owned land; that payment in amount of $350.00 was made on the lease for one year's rental and Mr. Johnson feels that the Trustees should grant him a lease in another location—on the opposite side of the road where the State Road Department has a right of way 170 feet wide from the center line of Road #10.

Mr. Wells called attention to the fact that Fenton Jones has under construction a building on the northwest side of the bridge on land which he thought he owned but which the recent survey shows to be State land, his structure actually abutting State Road right of way.

Comptroller Lee stated that he voted against granting the other lease and would vote against this one, as location of the liquor store on the Wakulla County side of the bridge was only a means of circumventing the will of the people of that county recently expressed in a wet-dry election.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of Ashley Johnson for a parcel of land fifty feet wide, west of bridge on its near side, located 100 feet from the center line of the highway, extending 100 feet into the water, con-

ditioned that permit be secured from the State Road Department; and also that any building or structure be placed on a front line with other buildings; that Mr. Jones be notified that it will be necessary for him also to secure a lease from the State, or remove his building from State property. Upon vote in the affirmative by Governor Caldwell and Mr. Mayo, the motion was adopted.

Mr. Lee voted "No" on granting the lease for the reason that Wakulla County was recently voted dry at an election called and held under authority of law; that lease of the property for the purpose of constructing and operating a liquor store on the waters of the river, the banks of which make the line between Wakulla and Franklin Counties, and will be entered from Wakulla County thereby obtaining its patronage from dry Wakulla County, and thus defeats the will of the people of Wakulla County as expressed in a wet-dry election recently held.

Mr. Elliot reported that based on application from L. S. Remsberg, with offer of $40.00 an acre for land in Broward County, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931—Everglades Act—the following Notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News on August 16, 23, 30, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida, August 12, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale for competitive bids at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., September 3, 1946, lands in Broward County described as follows:

Tract 8, Tier 10, Newman's Survey, in Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 41 East.

The successful bidder is to pay advertising costs.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon call for bids Mr. J. Velma Keen offered $50.00 an acre, on behalf of Tanger Investment Company of Fort Lauderdale. No other bids received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Keen's client for the tract advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that with reference to flood condition of Lake Geneva, Bradford and Clay Counties, he had contacted D. E. Pangborn by telephone August 30th, advising him that he, Mr. Elliot, and the Attorney General would visit Lake Geneva and take up with the County Commissioners and others the matter of high water and flood conditions; that Mr. Pangborn suggested that the Attorney General and the Engineer not come at this time but make the trip at a later date and explain to the County Commissioners what would be necessary to prevent a future occurrence of the present situation; that the understanding now is that the County Commissioners will notify the Secretary of a convenient time for the visit of the Attorney General and the Engineer.

Letter was presented from Mr. Julius Parker, requesting that salary of his Secretary be raised from $185.00 to $210.00 per month.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees grant request, the raise to become effective the first of September. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney, called attention to delinquent State mortgages referred to him for foreclosure, requiring 52 separate parcels, which he estimated would take about three (3) years to complete unless he had assistance in the work; that the abstracts were all prepared and the cases ready to proceed with foreclosure. He desired to discuss with the Board the method of handling, whether to use local attorneys in the counties where foreclosure would be brought, or employ an assistant to work with him in the cases, the latter being recommended by Mr. Parker.

Mr. Parker was asked to ascertain what price he would have to pay an assistant and bring the matter back for consideration by the full Board.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Broward	8/19/46	100
Dade	8/14/46	45
Dade	8/23/46	9
DeSoto	8/20/46	3
Hillsborough	8/19/46	35
Liberty	7/31/46	2
Liberty	8/19/46	2
Orange	8/5/46	297
Pinellas	5/28/46	23
Pinellas	7/16/46	334

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve the bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented for release of State Road reservation in Hillsborough County Deed #1638 dated February 4, 1942, together with recommendation from the State Road Department that the release be authorized.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize issuance of

> Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #1638 in favor of Allen K. Stevens and Ella Stevens, his wife,

for the purpose of releasing the reservation approved by the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of Zephyrhills, Florida, for conveyance of 10 lots in Pasco County for which offer of $85.00 was submitted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the following lots under the provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, the offer made being equal to one-fourth the 1932 assessed value:

Lot 14, Block 74; Lots 11 and 12, Block 97; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Block 156, Zephyrhills—Section 11, Township 26 South, Range 21 East;

Lots 6-B, 7-B and 11-B, Block 2, Zephyrhills Colony Add., in Section 12, Township 26 South, Range 21 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported further on the subject of advertising Murphy Act lands located in Dade County. In addition to information heretofore furnished, Mr. Leatherman, by telephone, gave cost for publishing notice of sale in the Miami Review and Daily Record as compared with one of the large daily papers:

Miami Review and Daily Record, 66-2/3 cents per inch

Daily Newspaper, $3.00 per inch,

or a total cost of $34.00 as against $154.00.

In view of the criticism recently carried in one of the Miami daily papers, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees instruct the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dade County to publish notices of Murphy Act sales in a daily newspaper of general circulation as well as in the Miami Review and Daily Record; that this plan be followed for a period of three months to determine the result as compared with past sales. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
September 10, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. C. W. Smith, representing Smith Engineering & Construction Company, Pensacola, Florida, applied for four (4) year exclusive lease for removal of shell from the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and waters adjacent thereto, from the western boundary of Escambia County projected into the Gulf to the western boundary of Franklin County projected into the Gulf. The Company offers $5,000.00 as minimum annual royalty, such amount to be applied toward the payment annually of shell removed by said Company on a basis of ten cents (10c) per cubic yard.

The Trustees were reluctant to authorize an exclusive lease, but Mr. Smith explained that it would be necessary for lessee to spend a considerable sum of money in preliminary work and without an exclusive lease any other person or company could come in and benefit from such explorations and investigation.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize four-year exclusive lease in favor of Mr. Smith's company upon payments as outlined and the depositing of bond sufficient to guarantee payments. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees having agreed to hold a hearing on sale of two small islands in the Indian River, Martin County, applied for by William Pitchford with offer of $1,000.00 an acre, Mr. Wells reported that the following Notice was published in the Stuart News, Stuart, Florida, on July 18th, 25th, August 1st, 8th and 15th, 1946: that a quorum of the Trustees not being present on that date, action on the sale was deferred and this date fixed for all parties to be heard:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 12, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections and competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. August 20th, 1946, for lands in MARTIN COUNTY, described as follows:

Two small islands approximately 500 yards off shore, southeast of Sewall's Point, in the Indian River, near the St. Lucie Inlet, in Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, containing approximately 5.278 acres.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells presented telegram from Mr. Pitchford asking that action on the sale be delayed for thirty (30) days.

Mr. Evans Crary, on behalf of clients, protested sale of the islands on the ground that it was understood the islands, if sold, would be used for sport or commercial fishing camps and such use would not be an improvement but would mar the natural scenery; that Florida Inland Navigation District contemplates deepening and widening the channel and the two islands or spoil areas will be several times larger than they are at present and will therefore be more valuable to the State, also that the Trustees have adopted the policy of not making sale of any islands.

Mr. Wells reported that there had been filed with the Land Department numerous protests to the sale of the islands, among which was Florida Inland Navigation District.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees withhold the islands from sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Mayo read a letter addressed to him from Mr. W. D. Outman, together with Associated Press item calling attention to a meeting to be held in New Orleans September 20th for the purpose of protesting President Truman's order curtailing flood control and rivers and harbors programs. Mr. Outman expressed the opinion that this was a very important meeting and that the State should have a representative present; that if the order was not rescinded it would mean the stopping of all waterway projects, coastal, intracoastal, or canal, for want of funds.

Upon consideration of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Elliot attend this meeting and also request that if possible Mr. Outman come down for it, expenses of both to be paid by the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Lewis Hall, on behalf of Fenton Jones, protested action of the Trustees September 3rd, granting lease to Ashley Johnson for construction of a building on land in Ochlockonee River in front of property thought to belong to the State Road Department. His protest was based on the grounds that Mr. Johnson had been notified by the State Road Department and the War Department not to construct a building out in the water; that his client, Fenton Jones, had reached an agreement with the State Road Department as to property lines and had under construction a building 40 feet by 40 feet; that the lease from the Trustees to Mr. Johnson encroaches on property being used by Mr. Jones.

Mr. Hall submitted drawing showing location of road right of way and the line agreed on by the State Road Department as the line of its property, giving the distance between said agreed upon line and the building of Mr. Jones as 24 feet. Mr. Hall made claim that the State Road Department owns no land except the road right of way on the west side of the bridge, pointing out sections of Florida Statutes on which he bases his assertion; also that the State Road Department has given assurance that Mr. Johnson will not be allowed any rights on that side of the road; that his client has gone to considerable expense in acquiring title to land adjoining the highway and wants to enjoy the benefits of his land. He asked that the Trustees hold up issuance of the lease to Johnson, make further investigation of the situation and refer the question to the Attorney for the board for his opinion.

Upon question by Governor Caldwell as to whether Mr. Hall's client claimed the land on which his building was located, Mr. Hall replied that he claimed an interest through the agreement with the State Road Department.

Mr. S. D. Clark, representing Ashley Johnson, explained that his client had been misled as to ownership of the State Road Department on the East side of the bridge; that he had started construction of the building before the mistake was discovered and he had requested that the Trustees allow him to use another location on the west side of the bridge where the right of way, or ownership of the State is 170 feet from the center line of the road; that his client has paid one year's rental of $350.00 and felt he was entitled to a lease; that he did not want to encroach on property being used by Mr. Jones and would be glad to work out an amicable adjustment of the location as there is room for both parties.

Both parties having been heard, no motion was made and no action taken on the question.

Mr. C. B. Arbogast of Stuart, Florida, made application to secure a non-use lease on a small spoil area in front of his upland property in Martin County built by depositing spoil material from Inland Navigation Channel.

A price of $100.00 annually for a lease on the area was suggested and Mr. Arbogast was requested to work out with Mr. Evans Crary (with whom he appeared before the Board) a proposal to be submitted to the Trustees. It was so agreed.

Application was presented from Kinzie Brothers Steamer Line for renewal of Lease #165 for a period of five years with payment on the basis of fifteen cents (15c) per cubic yard for shell removed.

Mr. Wells explained that Lease #165 called for participation by the Conservation Department in rentals received for shell and recommended that this clause be eliminated as the Conservation Department has no interest in the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of new lease in favor of Kinzie Brothers Steamer Line for a period of five (5) years upon payment of 15 cents per

cubic yard for material removed from that certain territory, area and waters known as Caloosahatchee River and Matlacha Pass in Lee County, Florida. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $150.00 an acre was presented from Rogers, Morris & Griffis, on behalf of Intracoastal, Inc., a Florida Corporation, for purchase of

> 19 acres of submerged land in Section 36, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Mr. Wells explained that a part of the tract would have to be sold subject to easement of Intracoastal Waterway, which would be satisfactory with the War Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize sale of the land applied for at the price offered, subject to advertisement for objections. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Maurice R. Schuh, on behalf of J. Peter Schuster, with offer of $200.00 per acre for purchase of the following described land:

> Filled in land in Section 15, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, containing 2/3 of an acre in Pinellas County,

which parcel is adjacent to Lot 12, Block 2, Mitchells Beach S/D, owned by Mr. Schuster.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to sell the parcel applied for at $200.00 per acre, subject to advertisement for objections, conveyance to be made by quitclaim deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon consideration of the application from Mr. R. L. Dowling, motion was made by Mr. Mayo seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $25.00 per month for lease for building purposes on each side of Gandy Bridge, at the West end, Hillsborough County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of deed to the State Road Department for conveying title to

A strip of land 400 feet wide, lying 200 feet on each side of the center line of State Road #5, in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, and in Section 6, Township 39 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $25.00 an acre was submitted from T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of Robert Mack, for purchase of the following lake bottom land adjacent to client's upland property:

14.63 acres in Section 35, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer be declined and counter proposal made to accept $35.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that on March 14, 1945, the Trustees sold to Harry K. Wells, operating as Tuscon Corporation, the following described land:

Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 39 East, Palm Beach County.

Through an oversight the contract was not made subject to Bonus Oil lease in favor of Humble Oil Company which covers 400 acres of the section sold to Mr. Wells.

It is recommended that the Trustees authorize return of payment made by Mr. Wells, or secure their willingness to accept contract subject to oil lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Land Clerk be authorized to refund money paid on the contract or make such contract subject to the lease of Humble Oil & Refining Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the following bills and expense accounts be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Cyril Baldwin, Avon Park, Florida	$ 525.00
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	5.50
The Western Union Telegraph Company, Tallahassee	4.54

Hon. J. M. Lee, Comptroller	126.50
The H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville	8.25
Fort Lauderdale News, Fort Lauderdale	4.50
The Sanford Herald, Sanford	7.50
Palm Beach Publications, Inc., West Palm Beach	13.75
J. I. Freedlund, Belle Glade	43.33
Couch Manufacturing Company, Grant, Florida	1,601.00
TOTAL	$2,339.87

Financial Statements for the month of August, 1946, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of August 1, 1946		$763,965.56
Receipts for the month:		
Land Sales	$16,557.37	
Land Sales—Chapter 14717—Palm Beach County	200.00	
Land Sales—Chapter 14572—Hillsborough County	150.00	
Land Lease — Levy County—Under Chapter 14572	1.00	
Farm Lease	180.00	
Mineral Lease	25.00	
Timber Leases	2,831.98	
Sand & Shell Leases	1,370.42	
Grazing Leases	$90.91	
Grazing Leases Broward County —Chap. 14572	25.00	115.91
Campsite Leases		50.00
General Lease		100.00
Government Lease		160.00
Miscellaneous Leases		9.05
Oil Lease		10,500.00
Quit Claim Deed		1,284.00
Refund Everglades Drainage District Taxes 1941-2-3-4-5		4,904.85
Fill Material		25.00
Interest		66.98
Expense Payment on Cert. 17389		100.00

Restoration of Funds—Chapter 22006, Acts of 1943—Account of Stale Date—Warrant #124319, dated 12-11-45 to Bessie Alderman, T C, Okeechobee Co.	15.38	
Total Receipts for August, 1946		38,646.94
TOTAL		802,612.50
Less Disbursements for August, 1946		15,571.03
Balance		$787,041.47

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
8-13-46	34027	Gail S. Lynch	$ 269.00
	34028	D. D. Moody	152.00
	34029	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.—Transfer	37.01
	34030	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.—Act. Fla. State Hospital	3.35
8-14-46	31985	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.—Transfer to St. School Fund	9,897.61
8-20-46	41646	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.—2% Transfer to G. R.	2,331.04
8-21-46	42950	J. E. Whidden	556.85
8-31-46	53139	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	53140	Geraldine Davis	176.90
	53142	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	53143	M. O. Barco	145.50
	53144	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	53145	J. B. Lee	19.00
	53146	W. B. Granger	47.50
	53147	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
	53148	A. C. Bridges	259.65
	57564	Comptroller of the State of Florida	17.95
	57565	R. A. Gray	53.22
	57566	Julius F. Parker	54.57
	57567	F. C. Elliot	16.23
	57568	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.70
	57569	Palm Beach Publications, Inc.	6.75
	57570	Parker & Foster	4.40
	57571	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.10

57572	Geo. G. Crawford, CCC	1.25
	5% Retirement Fund	51.00
	Withholding Tax	315.70

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1946 ..... $15,571.03

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of August 1, 1946	$ 61,159.89
Receipts	.00
Disbursements	.00
Balance as of August 31, 1946	$ 61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of August 1, 1946	$ 2,891.05
Receipts	.00
Disbursements	2,891.05
Balance as of August 31, 1946	.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of August 1, 1946		$215,765.85
Receipts for the month:		
Land Sales	$91,610.04	
Restoration of Fund—Chapter 22006, Acts of 1943, Account of Stale Date. Warrant #117723, dated 12-3-45, Payee Ben & Inez Woods	55.00	
Total Receipts for month		91,665.04
TOTAL		307,430.89
Less Disbursements for month		176,443.17
Balance as of August 31, 1946		$130,987.72

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
8-6-46	24600	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.—Transfer to GR	$100,000.00
8-8-46	31026	A. M. Lewis	41.25
8-31-46	55691	Ernest Hewitt	261.20
	55692	Mary Evans Voss	153.50

55693	J. R. Roberts	174.40
55694	M. O. Barco	23.75
55695	Jentye Dedge	28.00
55696	F. C. Elliot	47.50
55697	Mildred F. Scott	144.15
55698	Lidie M. Moss	117.10
55699	Bonnie G. Shelfer	124.80
55700	Ida Pope	111.40
55701	Elizabeth M. Goode	57.08
57909	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.—	
	Transfer to G. R.	75,000.00
	5% Retirement Fund	39.34
	Withholding Tax	119.70

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
FOR AUGUST, 1946 ..... $176,443.17

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	8/21/46	12
Dade	8/28/46	6
DeSoto	8/31/46	1
Jackson	8/26/46	3
Jackson	8/26/46	2
Nassau	9/3/46	5
Orange	8/5/46	5
Polk	7/31/46	54
Walton	3/4/46	4
Walton	5/1/46	2
Walton	4/8/46	4

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the bids and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for release of road right of way reservation in Polk County Deed #1219, accompanied by approval from the State Road Department for release of all the right of way except the part that lies within 40 feet of the centerline of State Road No. 79 (East Main Street).

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees release the reservation recommended by the State Road Department and authorize execution of Polk County Quitclaim Deed #1219 in favor of Clifton Howell. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from the State Military Department, Adjutant General's Office, requesting renewal of permit for rifle range for a period of one year from October 1, 1946, covering the following tracts:

> Tracts 19, 25, 41, 42, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 59, 66, 70, 72, 73, 74, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91 and 92, in Section 32, Township 51 South, Range 39 East, Containing 120 acres in Broward County.

Mr. Elliot explained that the tracts described were formerly leased to the United States as a rifle range and at expiration of said lease certain improvements on the land were transferred to the Trustees; that permit to the State Military Department provides for annual renewals to October, 1950.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize renewal of permit as requested by the Adjutant General of the State. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
September 21, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, that the following salaries and transfer to the State School Fund be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Florida	
To State School Fund	$ 7,887.38
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary & Clerk	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec-Clerk, Records & Minutes	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor & Bookkeeper	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
TOTAL	$10,075.38

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 286.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	88.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec. Clerk, Land & Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec. Clerk-Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk	165.00
Lidie M. Moss, Clerk	130.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	150.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk	150.00
TOTAL	$1,276.00

The following refund was made during the month of September, 1946:

J. R. Pomeroy
Clerk Circuit Court
Martin County
Stuart, Florida $7.50

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
September 24, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. R. L. Braddock of Belle Glade, Florida, came before the Trustees on behalf of Bertha Lee Braddock, owner of Lot 4, Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, and made an offer of $200.00 for a small parcel of land described as:

> 0.465 of an acre of lake bottom land in Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County—designated as an old County Highway fill, abandoned by the County.

It was explained that the parcel is occupied by Raymond Rector who has erected a home on the land; that on June 4th Mr. Edgar Hamilton, representing Mr. Rector, applied to purchase the property but action was deferred on the application. Attention was also called to report made by Mr. Elliot June 11th on proposed sale and based on recommendation made in such report the Trustees declined to sell the land.

In view of report and recommendation from the Secretary, the Trustees were not favorable to selling the land but it was agreed that Mr. Rector should be required to pay for use of the land, and lease in favor of Mr. Rector for a term of years was discussed since he had made improvements on the property.

Mr. Braddock submitted that if a lease was to be granted, it should be in favor of applicant, Bertha Lee Braddock, as she was the adjacent owner.

The Trustees disagreed with Mr. Braddock that his client had any claim as adjacent owner but felt that Mr. Rector should be entitled to take lease as the present occupant, especially since Mr. Braddock stated he had given him permission to tie up his boat to the road fill some years ago.

Information was also furnished that Mr. Rector had obtained a quitclaim deed from the County to the parcel on the road fill and had made improvements on the assumption that he owned the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees agree to execute five (5) year lease in favor of Raymond Rector with rental at the rate of $15.00 per month; that proper clause be inserted in the lease providing for cancellation at any time if the parcel comes within the proposed levee area; that at the expiration of the five-year lease no renewal will be allowed except upon advertisement for competitive bids; that it be understood that value of improvements on the land will not be taken into consideration and the Trustees make no recognition of title or claim through quitclaim deed held by Raymond Rector from the County. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

Offer of $150.00 an acre was presented from C. L. Chaney, on behalf of Coral Ridge, Inc., for purchase of submerged land adjacent to upland property of applicant, being

> A parcel of severeignty land lying between the lot lines of the N 1/2 of S 1/4 of Government Lot 4, Section 36, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, projected, lying between the high water mark and Intracoastal Waterway, containing 15.8 acres in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees advertise the parcel for objections only based on offer of $150.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Sperti, Inc. for permission to assign Lease #448 to Sperti Foods, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve assignment of the lease as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following applications be denied:

> Offer of $1.25 an acre from J. P. Watson of High Springs, Florida, for purchase of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, containing 40.56 acres in Gilchrist County;
>
> Offer of Fifty Cents (50c) an acre from Canaveral Port Authority for sovereignty land in E 1/2 of Section 9, and N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from John Fite Robertson, on behalf of Witsend, Inc., offering $200.00 an acre for

> Submerged land in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, containing 9.2 acres in Sarasota County.

Appraisal on the land being $200.00 an acre, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees advertise the land for objections only, based on offer presented. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer of $35.00 an acre from Dempsey Pollard for purchase of

> Lot 4, Section 34, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, containing 47.95 acres in Highlands County,

and make counter proposal to advertise the land, provided applicant will agree to bid not less than $60.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was considered from Clyde H. Wilson, on behalf of Fred Harting, with offer of $200.00 an acre for

> 4.4 acres of submerged land in Sections 22 and 27, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County.

Upon information that the land had been appraised at a higher value, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the offer be declined and counter proposal made to advertise the land provided Mr. Harting agrees to bid $300.00 an acre for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from C. R. Frazier, Town Supervisor of Atlantic Beach, Florida, that his town be accorded the same privilege as City of Jacksonville Beach, for removal of sand and coquina shell from the beach in front of Atlantic Beach, without cost to the City.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the request from City of Atlantic Beach be granted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from Earl D. Farr of Punta Gorda, Florida, on behalf of Carrie Adkison, widow, and Edith A. Smith, daughter, with offer of $750.00 for Mortgages #18060, #18061 and #18062, statement being made that Mr. Adkison obtained tax deeds on the property without knowledge that the Trustees held the mortgages on the Charlotte County land.

Mr. Wells informed the board that the total principal of the three mortgages amounted to $1500.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer for the three mortgages with reservation of oil rights in the State as called for by the Statutes and that assignment be made without recourse. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The following applications for right of ways were presented from the State Road Department:

> Deed for right of way across Indian River for Causeway and Bridge on State Road #119, covering submerged and tidal lands in Sections 26, 34, 35 and 36, Township 21 South,

Range 35 East, and in Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, Indian River County;

Deed for right of way for proposed new bridge across Bayou Chico at Pensacola, Florida, covering tidal and submerged lands in Sections 40 and 47, Township 2 South, Range 30 West, Escambia County — Road #93;

Borrow Pit Easement for State Road #194 covering 1.61 acres of Lake Okeechobee bottom lands desired in connection with construction of bridge approaches to Taylor Creek, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees grant requests from the State Road Department and authorize execution of the easements for road purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $50.00 an acre was presented from W. P. Gay for purchase of the following described property owned by the State.

Submerged land adjacent to Government Lot 4 of Section 31, and Government Lot 1 of Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, said area lying between the high water mark and the channel between the projected lines of Lots 1 and 4.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the offer be declined and counter proposal made to advertise the land provided applicant will agree to pay $125.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

Application was presented from C. R. Hagan for permission to remove dead cypress posts from the Dead Lakes in Gulf and Calhoun Counties, and he offered to pay seven cents (7c) per post.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize lease for removal of the posts at the price offered by Mr. Hagan. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $40.00 an acre was presented from J. E. Frierson for purchase of

> 20 acres of lake bottom land in Sections 14 and 23, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, adjoining his upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, to decline offer and make counter proposal to sell the land at $50.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Without objection, the Trustees referred to the Special Attorney the request from John C. Blocker, on behalf of F. J. Q. Inc., that the Trustees complete sale of submerged areas adjacent to formerly submerged land which was bulkheaded and filled. It was so ordered. Pinellas County land.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Bay	9/4/46	27
Bay	9/16/46	5
Citrus	9/10/46	9
Clay	9/7/46	1
Clay	9/21/46	1
Escambia	8/29/46	18
Flagler	9/5/46	9
Hamilton	9/9/46	2
Hernando	9/23/46	2
Hillsborough	9/2/46	12
Indian River	9/16/46	7
Lake	9/9/46	73
Madison	9/2/46	8
Marion	9/2/46	38
Martin	8/6/46	20
Monroe	8/15/46	1
Okeechobee	8/19/46	41
Okeechobee	9/16/46	3
Orange	9/2/46	18
Osceola	9/2/46	28
Palm Beach	8/9/46	44
Pasco	9/2/46	17
Pinellas	5/28/46	1
Putnam	9/7/46	9

St. Johns	8/16/46	30
St. Lucie	9/2/46	21
Santa Rosa	9/2/46	7
Sarasota	9/4/46	42
Seminole	9/9/46	6
Sumter	8/12/46	19
Taylor	8/23/46	3
Taylor	8/30/46	3
Taylor	9/6/46	1
Volusia	8/28/46	27
Volusia	9/2/46	36
Walton	4/29/46	3
Walton	6/3/46	4

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve the report and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliott presented two requests for correction deeds from Broward County and request from Palm Beach County for deed to replace original deed lost without being recorded, with information that the Attorney General's office had approved issuance of the deeds as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following deeds be executed and delivered:

Broward County Deed #2858-COR. — To Bert B. King, for correcting initial in grantee's name;

Broward County Deed #2994-COR. — To John R. Price, for correcting initial in grantee's name;

Palm Beach County Deed #1087-A—To H. J. Jenkins, to replace original deed which was lost.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented for release of State Road right of way reservations in deeds issued under the Murphy Act conveying title to land in Franklin, Hillsborough, Levy, Pinellas and Polk Counties, the State Road Department having approved release in each application.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following quitclaim deeds be executed for releasing the right of way reservations as approved by the State Road Department:

Franklin County Q. C. Deed #173 to J. H. Hodges.
Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #1101 to E. M. Wooten.
Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #2260 to Bomford Investment Co., Inc.
Levy County Q. C. Deed #27 to T. B. Rickenbacker.
Pinellas County Q. C. Deed #1282 to Harold S. Wallace.
Polk County Q. C. Deed #697 to E. S. Clavel.
Polk County Q. C. Deed #2294 to C. B. Hunt.
Sumter County Q. C. Deed #863 to Herbert Lindsey.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
October 1, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller
J Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Minutes of the Trustees dated August 6, 13 and 27, 1946, be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. W. D. Hilsabeck, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, Mr. Lamar Johnson, Engineer, and Mr. Manley Caldwell, Attorney, presented request from Everglades Drainage District, and H. M. Forman, on behalf of Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, submitted resolution adopted by that district, petitioning the Trustees to withdraw from sale and dedicate certain lands for water conservation and control. A map was displayed showing three areas indicated as desirable for the project, two of which had heretofore been withdrawn by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as water conservation areas, under agreement with Everglades Drainage District. The map indicated by color the ownership of the land as follows:

YELLOW—Trustees land owned in fee simple;

RED—Joint ownership—Murphy Act and Everglades Drainage District;

BLUE—State School Board land;

REDDISH PURPLE—County ownership;

GREEN—Southern States Land Company;

GREY—Model Land Company;

BROWN—Hillsborough Plantations.

Mr. Johnson presented the proposal explaining that the Everglades Drainage District has dedicated the Broward County area and has shown intent to dedicate Palm Beach County land, but that area is related to an arrangement with the Federal Government as a wildlife conservation area; however, Palm Beach County has dedicated its land; that the Federal Government has agreed to accept the surface rights subject to mineral reservations and will be agreeable to reversion clause in case the area should cease to be used for water conservation purposes.

The question of tax payments on State land was discussed. It was explained that on the Palm Beach County area, when title is conveyed to the United States for wildlife conservation, district taxes would be discontinued but on other areas the taxes would have to be paid until legislative action could be had.

Governor Caldwell remarked that the State had to pay taxes on the land as it was; that it was only good for water conservation and wildlife, and suggested that it might be agreeable that the Trustees dedication become effective upon like dedication by other agencies and owners, and further, conditioned upon legislative action being secured to relieve the land from taxation.

Attorney General Watson suggested that the Trustees indicate a willingness to go through with the dedication, provided tax liability between the State and Everglades Drainage District can be satisfactorily arranged; that the tax burden against the State is considerable and this proposal might offer an opportunity to wash out these taxes; that he feels the Trustees should not take definite action at this time but allow opportunity for the legal phases of the proposal to be investigated and also permit time for working out the tax situation.

Mr. Hilsabeck explained that Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District had obligated itself to make available for the levee and water reservoir works the taxes collected by that district, which amounts to around $25,000.00 annually.

Comptroller Lee stated that he was under the impression that transfer of the lands to the Federal Governnemt was to secure aid in construction of water reservoirs for use of fish and game, and if the Trustees make the dedication they will be participating to some extent in getting benefits for adjacent lands.

Mr. Watson moved that the Trustees give assurance to the Drainage Board that the State will cooperate and make the dedication if there is legal authority so to do, and provided the tax liability between the State and the District can be satisfactorily worked out. The motion failed adoption for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Comptroller Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that with reference to Broward County area dedication by this board will become effective when the interests of Everglades Draining District, the County, and the State School Board, have all effected dedication and this board has been relieved of all tax liabilities touching the lands within the area so dedicated, with the reservation that if the lands are not used for the purposes indicated they will revert to the State, and the further reservation of all oil and mineral rights. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the same action be taken as to Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

AFTERNOON SESSION—Same members present, except Comptroller Lee.

Mr. Lamar Warren, representing Everglades Drainage District and Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, requested permission from the Trustees, pending settlement of the tax situation, to go onto the lands involved and take such steps as necessary to meet the objective, including the flooding of the lands.

Without objection the permission requested was granted by the Trustees. It was so ordered.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to application from Humble Oil and Refining Company for oil lease covering Collier County land, the following Notice was published in the Collier County News, Fort Myers, Florida, and in the Daily Democrat, Tallahassee, Florida, on August 30, September 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida
August 16, 1946

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and will receive competitive sealed bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building on or before October 1st, 1946, at 11 o'clock A. M., for an oil and gas lease covering the following described lands in Collier County, Florida, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP 47 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST

SECTION 2: ALL

Said Trustees have determined that the lease shall require royalty payments of 1/8 in kind or in value and the amount of $1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5 percent of such original amount annually after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor. All bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for the amount of such cash consideration. Copies of the lease to be offered for sale are available to the general public at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building at Tallahassee, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Chapter 22,824 Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945.

Said Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, this 13th day of August, 1946.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Description of the land and terms under which lease would be authorized were read out and a bid of $682.00 was submitted from Humble Oil Company as cash consideration, said lease to be prepared according to form and upon terms heretofore approved by the Trustees.

ALSO,

Based on application from Humble Oil and Refining Company for lease on Palm Beach County lands, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post of West Palm Beach and the Daily Democrat, Tallahassee, Florida, on August 30, September 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida
August 16, 1946

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and will receive competitive sealed bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building on or before October 1st, 1946, at 11 o'clock A. M., for an oil and gas lease covering the following described lands in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST

SECTION 12: ALL

TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST

SECTION 11: ALL, less South 400 Acres

Said Trustees have determined that the lease shall require royalty payments of 1/8 in kind or in value and the amount of $1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5 percent of such

original amount annually after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor. All bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for the amount of such cash consideration. Copies of the lease to be offered for sale are available to the general public at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building at Tallahassee, Florida.

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MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary, Trustees I. I. Fund.

Description of the land and terms under which lease would be authorized were read out and a bid of $992.00 was submitted from Humble Oil and Refining Company as cash consideration, said lease to be prepared according to form and upon terms heretofore approved by the Trustees.

Upon consideration of the bids and information furnished, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that lease be authorized in favor of Humble Oil & Refining Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

Mr. Julius Parker, Attorney for Trustees, suggested certain changes in contract form now used in the sale of State lands and requested permission to insert in all future deeds a provision that when reservations are made for oil rights, the Trustees also reserve the right to control the leasing of the one-half interest conveyed to purchaser of the surface in order that the Trustees will have full authority in leasing the oil and minerals.

Upon discussion of the subject, Attorney General Watson stated that the questions raised by Mr. Parker are, first, the right which he assumes to exist in the Trustees to dispose of its reserved interest in oil rights, and second, its right of contract over the

entire oil interest with respect to which it has a statutory reserved right. Mr. Watson further stated that he has advised the board that it has no right to sell or lease oil reservations provided for under the statutes and has no right to go into partnership in connection with that interest, but it does have the right to make an operating contract for getting the oil that has been reserved and bringing the oil to the surface, and that is the only right the Trustees have.

No action taken.

Based on application from Frank Bezoni, on behalf of K. Hughes, the following Notice was published in the Winter Haven Herald, Winter Haven, Florida, and in the Daily Democrat, Tallahassee, Florida, on August 30, September 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida, August 13, 1946

LEASE OF LANDS FOR OIL AND GAS MINING PURPOSES

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, and will receive competitive sealed bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at the office of the said Board in the Capitol Building, on or before Tuesday, October 1, 1946, at 11:00 o'clock, for an oil and gas lease covering the mineral interest of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the following described lands situated in Polk County, Florida, and comprise in part townships 28 and 29 South, Ranges 26 and 27 East, more particularly described as follows:

(Accurate description of said land as advertised to be entered in lease)
Located in:

Sections 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, in Township 28 South, Range 26 East;

Sections 1, 5 and 15 of Township 29 South, Range 26 East; Section 30, Township 28 South, Range 27 East.

Also the bottoms of Lakes Hamilton, Fannie, Smart, Eloise, Shipp, Buckeye, Elbert, Otis, Marion or (Mariam), Roy, Summit, Florence, Ned, Daisy, Winterset, Grass and Rubie.

(Ownership of upland in private persons. Ownership of Lake bottoms in State.)

Said Trustees have determined that lease shall require royalty of 1/8 in kind or value, and the amount of Twenty-five Cents ($.25) per acre annual rental, increasing five per cent (5%) of such original amount annually after first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years (10). The lease to be bid on will prohibit any drilling in any of the sovereignty lakes located within the descriptions hereinabove set forth. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor, plus the undertaking of the lessee to drill for oil within the townships and ranges herein set forth in which said lands are located. Lessees are to begin drilling for oil within six months from the date of delivery of said lease to lessees.

All bids shall be accompanied by cashier's check or certified check for the amount of such cash consideration.

Copies of the lease to be offered for sale will be furnished upon request to Julius F. Parker, attorney for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida.

This notice is published in compliance with Chapter 22824, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, this 16th day of July, A. D. 1946.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary Trustees I. I. Fund.

NOTICE

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 253.52 of the Laws of the State of Florida, hereby give notice that the Trustees are offering for lease lands and premises situated within three miles of the City of Winter Haven, Florida, said lease to be given

for the purpose of exploring for oil and gas and, in the event production is found in paying commercial quantities, said Lessee shall have the right to develop, produce and market such petroleum as may be found in said area.

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in the Commissioners' Court Room at the City Hall in Winter Haven, Florida, at 10:00 A. M. on the morning of September 13th, 1946, for the purpose of hearing any objections to the State of Florida giving a lease on State lands in said vicinity.

The lands and premises involved are described in the advertisement of this date in this paper captioned "LEASE OF LANDS FOR OIL AND GAS MINING PURPOSES" in Townships 28 and 29 South, Ranges 26 and 27 East, Polk County, and such is made a part of this notice and said lands will be leased only in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in said advertisement.

TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
BY F. C. Elliot
Secretary to the Board

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to the notice, hearing was advertised allowing opportunity for anyone objecting to be heard, but no objections were filed or presented; that offer of $500.00 as cash consideration was made by Mr. Hughes with the explanation that unless leases can be secured from private individuals, no drilling would be done.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that offer from Mr. Hughes be accepted and lease authorized executed. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No for the reason that the contract to be used while legal in its aim and purposes was not legal in its form.

Pursuant to application from W. A. Cross, with offer of $700.00 for Palm Beach County land, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on August 30, September 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 23rd, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer

for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. October 1st, 1946, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

A small parcel of sovereignty land in Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, lying between Lot 15 "B" and Lot 14 "B" and the U. S. Levee, said area lies between the East boundary line of Lot 14 "B" and the West boundary line of Lot 15 "B" as extended, contains approximately 1 acre.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon description of the land being read out, no objections were filed or presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Cross at a price of $700.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

Pursuant to application from W. H. Jones, Jr., with offer of $127.40 for 0.182 of an acre of land in Palm Beach County, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on August 30, September 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 16th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. October 1st, 1946, for land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

A small parcel of sovereignty land in Section 8, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, lying adjacent to Lot H-8, except Southwesterly ten (10) feet of Lot H-8, and between said Lot H-8 ninety (90) feet and the U. S. Levee; between the east and west line of Lot H-8, except the Southwesterly 10 feet of Lot H-8.

The purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon description of the land being called out, no objections were presented or filed, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Jones at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

Pursuant to application from Mrs. Ora W. Powell, submitted to the Trustees August 6, 1946, for purchase of Palm Beach County land at a price of $156.40, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on August 30th, September 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 16th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. October 1st, 1946, for land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

A small parcel of sovereignty land in Section 8, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, lying adjacent to Lot H-9 and Southwesterly ten (10) feet of Lot H-8, and between said Lot H-9 and Southwesterly ten (10) feet of Lot H-8 and the U. S. Levee; between the east and west lines of Lot H-9 and Southwesterly 10 feet of Lot H-8.

The purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon description of the land being called out, no objections were filed, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that sale be confirmed in favor of Mrs. Powell at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

Mr. Thad Carlton and Mr. T. B. Ellis, Jr., Attorneys of Fort Pierce, Florida, presented proposal to the Trustees for purchase of Mortgages #17271 and #17272 covering 190.19 acres of land in St. Lucie County purchased by Mr. Ellis August 6, 1925. It was explained that the principal of the two mortgages totals $107,552.16; that $36,000.00 cash payment was made at time of sale and no further payments, principal or interest have been made since that time; that taxes have accumulated, tax certificates issued against the land and application has been made for tax deed to be issued during October, and it will require approximately $3,000.00 to clear the land of tax claims. Offer of $5,000.00 was made for the two mortgages, purchaser to assume all tax indebtedness and foreclose the mortgages without cost to the Trustees.

Mr. Wells reported that he had another offer of $1,000.00 for Mortgage #17271, and desired to know if bids would be invited for the mortgages, also whether the Trustees would be inclined to redeem from tax certificate certain land covered by the mortgages for which application for tax deed had been made.

Upon inquiry as to what Mr. Ellis would propose on the two points brought out by Mr. Wells, Mr. Carlton replied that his client would offer $4,000.00 for one mortgage and $1,000.00 for the other, and in the event the Trustees redeemed the land from the tax certificate referred to the State would be reimbursed the amount paid out.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees advertise the two mortgages for sale at competitive bids, based on offer of $5,000.00, bids to be received separately for each mortgage, and the purchaser to pay cost of foreclosure of mortgages and assume all taxes or tax liens against the land. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees immediately redeem land covered by Mortgage #17271 and Mortgage #17272 from tax certificate in amount of $2,985.76 based on which application has been made for tax deed, it being understood that purchaser of mortgage will refund to the Trustees amount of redemption. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Thad Carlton, on behalf of Miss Pearl Pearce, requested that the Trustees take action with reference to trespasser on land held by Miss Pearce under Lease #18447, Glades County. Information was furnished that a party by the name of Albritton has fenced the property and has assumed armed patrol of the premises.

Without objection the Land Clerk was directed to notify Mr. Albritton to get off the property, and in the event he fails to do so that Miss Pearce proceed under authority of her lease. It was so agreed.

Mr. Edgar G. Hamilton, on behalf of Raymond Rector, requested that the Trustees reconsider action taken September 24th, agreeing to 5 year lease in favor of Mr. Rector at a price of $15.00 monthly

> 0.46 of an acre of lake bottom land in Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Hamilton explained that Mr. Rector first went on the land under authority of ten-year lease from Palm Beach County; that he made improvements on the land and when the parcel was abandoned as road right of way, and before the lease expired, a legislative act was passed giving the County authority to sell the fill; that the County Commissioners executed a deed in favor of Mr. Rector for the sum of $68.00 and he has been in possession of the land ever since.

Upon reconsidering action taken September 24th, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees amend former action and tentatively agree to issue ten-year lease in favor of

Mr. Rector upon payment of $50.00 annually; that notice be given Mr. R. L. Braddock that Trustees will withhold execution of the lease until October 7th, allowing him opportunity to show cause why such action should not be taken. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Rector stated that the action taken by the Trustees was acceptable to him.

Application was presented from Canaveral Port Authority with offer of $1.00 an acre for

E 1/2 of Section 9, and N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that the Trustees advertise the land for objections only based on offer of $1.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department that the Trustees refrain from granting leases or other rights in submerged water areas fronting the right of ways of upland approaches to State road fills, causeways and bridges, until the Department has opportunity to be heard.

Without objection, the request from the State Road Department was granted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney, and Mr. Wells, Land Clerk, recommended certain changes in form of contract now used by the Trustees in sale of State land. Upon consideration of the changes recommended, the following action was taken:

1. That cash payment be not less than 25 percent of the purchase price;
2. That there be eliminated from the contract forms the right of purchaser to receive deed to certain portions of the land prior to final payment on the contract;
3. That the Trustees adopt as a policy that purchase contracts shall be made providing for payments over a period of 4 1/2 years, with interest at the rate of 6 percent on deferred payments.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that recommendations 1 and 2 be adopted,

and that 3 be adopted as the general policy, longer term contracts to be given at the discretion of the board. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from L. S. Remsberg of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, offering to bid not less than $50.00 an acre for the following described land if the Trustees would advertise the tract for competitive bidding:

> Tract 14, (Less S. 50 ft. & N. 5 acres) Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Containing 13.54 acres in Broward County.

Mr. Elliot explained that title to the land came to the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under authority of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Remsberg. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Broward	9/4/46	7
Osceola	9/16/46	36
Polk	9/16/46	42
Sarasota	9/4/46	7
Sumter	8/12/46	2
Washington	8/31/46	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to decline to sell, without consideration, 22 lots in Broward County which were withdrawn in 1943 for

use by the Department of Public Safety, the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, having made inquiry as to purchase. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of Miami for Dade County land desired for street purposes. The City offered to pay $30.00 for the three parcels, which is one-fourth the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer from the City of Miami and authorize conveyance of the following described parcels under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, deed to carry reservation that the property is to be used for street purposes only:

5 ft. strip reserved on Westerly edge of Plat Fairhaven;

5 ft. strip Westerly of Dock Pelican Canal, Fairhaven;

15 ft. reserved each side of road leading from Miami Avenue, Town of Silver Bluff, Sec. 2, Kloeber Bay Fronts, a S/D.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for issuance of deed to correct description of land in original Duval County Deed #3131. Information was furnished that issuance of the deed had been approved by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Duval County Deed #3131-COR. in favor of Erich K. Hoffman. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Three applications were presented for release of State Road right of way in Hillsborough County deeds, with information that the State Road Department had recommended release of the reservation in each instance.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for releasing road reservation as recommended by the Road Department:

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #1378 to Nelson T. Jones and wife;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #2661 to J. R. Garcia;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #4326 to Peter Winter & Wife.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $167.50 was submitted from City of Plant City for Hillsborough County lots desired as an airport site, the offer being one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer from Plant City for 57 lots in Margaline Gardens, in Section 36, Township 28 South, Range 21 East, conveyance to be made under Chapter 21684 with reservation that the lots be used for airport purposes of Plant City. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $33.00 was submitted from City of Stuart for a parcel of land located in the

SW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 38 South, Range 41 East, Containing 3 3/4 acres in Martin County,

which parcel surrounds the present colored cemetery and will be needed in the future for expansion of the cemetery.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept $33.00, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value of the parcel, and authorize issuance of deed under Chapter 21684 of 1943, with reservation in deed that the land will be used for purposes of the colored cemetery. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The following applications were presented from the City of Palmetto for conveyance of Manatee County land without payment:

1. 88 Lots in Blocks "C", "D" and "E" Re-Sub of North Main Street Add. to Palmetto, desired as an addition to the City Trailer Park;
2. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; W 1/2 of W 1/2 of Lot 7, and Lot 8, in Block "C" of Lamb's Platt.

Information was furnished that the 1932 assessed value of the lots under application (1) was $781.00; that as to (2) the value was $5,700.00 and the City in 1935 foreclosed its tax liens but several certificates were overlooked resulting in title reverting to the State under the Murphy Act. Statement was made that the lots have been used by the Palmetto High School since 1935.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that as to application (1) the Trustees agree to convey title to the lots upon payment of one-fourth the 1932 assessed value—$195.25, deed to be issued under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that as to application (2) the Trustees agree to convey title upon payment of $1,000.00, deed to be issued under authority of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of West Palm Beach, Florida, for conveyance under Chapter 20424 of 1941, the following lots formerly owned by the City:

> Lots 1-A, 8-A, 16-A, 24-A, 32-A, 40-A, 50-A and 60A, The Garden S/D, Palm Beach County.

The Secretary reported that certificate of former ownership by the City had been filed with the Trustees and check deposited for payment of the lots on the basis of $1.00 per lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that deed be executed in favor of West Palm Beach, Florida, under provisions of Chapter 20424, conveying title to the lots described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $25.00 was presented from the Town of Orange City for the following described land;

> N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of N 1/2 of Lot 8 in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, containing 5 acres in Volusia County,

against which there are outstanding considerable city taxes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer from Orange City, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, and make conveyance under authority of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary reported that the Trustees held Murphy Act certificates against the following described parcel of land owned by the Board of State Institutions as a part of Raiford Prison Farm and recommended that deed be issued under Chapter 21684 for clearing title:

SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 21 East, containing 40 acres in Union County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize execution of deed to Board of Commissioners of State Institutions as recommended by the Secretary. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer from Murphy Act funds to the account of General Revenue Fund:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue Fund....$100,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
October 9, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and unanimously adopted, that one-third (1/3) of the cost of the furnishings for the Governor's Offices and the Board rooms in the South Wing addition to the Capitol Building, amounting to $17,193.10, be paid from the Internal Improvement Fund, and that the Trustees issue requisition on the Comptroller for payment of said amount upon that certain contract between Millard F. Caldwell, Governor of Florida, and W. E. Brown Decorating Company of 443 Peachtree St., NE., Atlanta, Georgia, dated October 3, 1946.

Financial Statements for the month of September are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of September 1, 1946		$787,041.47
Receipts for the month		
Land Sales	$39,331.04	
Land Sales— Under Chapter 14572	2,400.00	
Land Sales— Under Chapter 14717	857.91	
Farm Leases	800.00	
Timber Leases	2,259.67	
Oil Leases	11,242.00	
Mineral Leases	75.00	
Sand & Shell Leases	1,075.55	
Grazing Leases	20.00	
Miscellaneous Leases	1,106.68	
Refund, Everglades Drainage Dist. Taxes 1943-6	4,411.94	
Interest	194.82	
Right-of-way	100.00	
Sale of Maps	6.00	
Reimbursement, for Funds Expended for U. S. G. S. Co-operative Fund before available in said fund	864.31	
Total Receipts for the month of September, 1946	64,744.92	64,744.92
TOTAL		851,786.39
Less Disbursements for September, 1946		12,415.25
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1946		$839,371.14

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
9-14-46	69270	Cyril Baldwin	$ 525.00
9-18-46	71834	J. I. Freedlund	43.33
	71835	Couch Manufacturing Co.	1,601.00
	71828	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.50
	71829	The Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.54
	71830	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	8.25
	71831	Ft. Lauderdale News	4.50
	71832	The Sanford Herald	7.50
	71833	Palm Beach Publications, Inc.	13.75
9-20-46	73112	J. M. Lee, State Comptroller	126.50
9-30-46	84656	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	84657	M. O. Barco	145.50
	84658	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	84659	J. B. Lee	19.00
	84660	W. B. Granger	47.50
	84661	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
	84662	A. C. Bridges	259.65
	84663	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	84664	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	84667	J. Edwin Larson S. T.—Transfer	7,887.38
		5 percent Retirement Fund	51.00
		Withholding Tax	319.80

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1946 ..... $12,415.25

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of September 1, 1946	$61,159.89
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1946	$61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of September 1, 1946		-0-
	Receipts from—	
Sept. 5, 1946	Pinellas County Bd. of Cmrs.	$600.00

Orlando Utilities Commission	250.00	
City of Sarasota	250.00	$1,100.00
Sept. 10, 1946 Winter Haven Lake Region Boat Course District		330.00
Total receipts for the month		$1,430.00
Disbursements for the month		-0-
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1946		$1,430.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of September 1, 1946	$130,987.72
Receipts for the month	84,794.02
TOTAL	215,781.74
Less Disbursements for the month	101,578.77
BALANCE AS OF September 30, 1946	$114,202.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
9-6-46	60592	The Western Union Telegraph Co.	6.26
	60593	Capital Office Equipment Co.	5.71
	60594	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	63.50
	60595	J. Kenneth Ballinger	66.80
	60596	J. W. & Alice Bowker Smith	18.00
	60597	R. W. Baughman	135.00
9-17-46	70048	J. R. Pomeroy CCC	7.50
9-30-46	82432	Ernest Hewitt	261.20
	82433	Mary Evans Voss	80.50
	82434	J. R. Roberts	174.40
	82435	M. O. Barco	23.75
	82436	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	82437	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	82438	Mildred F. Scott	144.15
	82439	Lidie M. Moss	117.10
	82440	Bonnie G. Shelfer	124.80
	82441	Elizabeth M. Goode	122.85
	87071	J. Edwin Larson S. T.—Transfer to G. R.	100,000.00
		5 percent Retirement Fund	43.70
		Insurance	1.95
		Withholding Tax	106.10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1946			$101,578.77

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
October 16, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General. (Present part Time)
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to application from G. A. DeVane, presented to the Trustees August 27th, with offer of $10.00 an acre for Highlands County land, the Trustees ordered the land advertised for competitive bidding. The following Notice was published in The Sun, Avon Park, Florida, on September 14th, 21st, 28th, October 5th and 12th, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 30th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., October 15th, 1946, for land in HIGHLANDS COUNTY described as follows:

NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, containing 160 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale and the highest bid received was $17.00 an acre from Mr. DeVane.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. DeVane—$17.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from Walter Hardin with offer of $450.00 for purchase of Manatee County land, the Trustees on August 27th authorized the land advertised for objections only. The following Notice was published in the Bradenton Herald on September 13, 20, 27, October 4 and 11, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 31st, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. October 15th, 1946, for land in MANATEE COUNTY, described as follows:

Approximately three acres of submerged land lying between Pickett Key and Jew Fish Key in Sections 14 and 15, Township 35 South, Range 16 East.

The purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, no objections were received, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept $450.00 for the land and authorize deed, subject to easement applied for by the United States; that upon survey being made any acreage in excess of 3 acres, to be paid for at the rate of $150.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees on September 3rd ordered advertised for objections only land applied for by V. C. Denton with offer of $700.00 an acre, or $497.00. The following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on September 13, 20, 27, October 4 and 11, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 9th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. October 15th, 1946, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

Lots 54-A and 55-A of the Supplemental Plat of Frac. Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 60, of the Palm Beach County Florida Records, and also the sovereignty land abutting on said Lots 54-A and 55-A, containing approximately .71 of an acre.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale, and upon no objections being filed or presented, motion was made by

Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the offer from Mr. Denton be accepted and deed authorized executed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

At the meeting of the Trustees August 27th, Pinellas County land was ordered advertised for objections only, based on offer of $125.00 an acre from Lucius S. Ruder. Pursuant to such offer the following Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, Florida, on September 16, 23, 30, October 7 and 14, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 30th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., October 15th, 1946, for land in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

Begin at the NE Corner of Section 18, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, and thence North 89° 35' 27" East along the section line, 3776.0 feet for P. O. B., Thence N. 10° 06' 19" E, 54.20 feet; Thence East, 520 feet; Thence South 5° 11' 40" W. 552.27 feet; Thence South 19° 47' 56" E. 265.71 feet; Thence South 35° 08' 03" E. 660.30 feet; Thence West, 930.0 feet; Thence North 39° 22' 10" E. 504.48 feet; Thence North 41° 59' 14" W. 672.68 feet; Thence North 12° 32' 33" E. 508.78 feet to P.O.B., containing 16.98 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale, and no objections having been presented or filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the offer from Mr. Ruder be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

At the meeting of the Trustees September 10th, Pinellas County land was ordered advertised for objections only, based on application from Charles J. Schuh, on behalf of J. Peter Schuster, with offer of $200.00 an acre. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, Florida, on September 16, 23, 30, October 7 and 14, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 13th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. October 15th, 1946, the following described lands in PINELLAS COUNTY:

Naturally filled land west of and adjacent to Lot 12, Block 2, Mitchells Beach Subdivision, Section 15, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida, including that land between the original high water mark, which was approximately 50 feet south and west of the west boundary of said Lot 12, Block 2 at the time of recording plat of said Mitchells Beach Subdivision and the present high water mark which lies south and west of the last described high water mark approximately 100 feet and containing 1/3 of an acre.

Naturally filled land south and southwest of Lot 12, Block 2, Mitchells Beach Subdivision, Section 15, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida, described as follows: Begin at a point 50 feet southeast of the southeast corner of Lot 12, Block 2, lying on a line in extension of the north east boundary of said lot, approximately 100 feet to the present high water mark thence southwest, thence northwest following the meander line of said high wa-

ter mark to a point southwest of the south corner of said Lot 12, Block 2, Mitchells Beach on a line in extension of the southeast boundary of said lot, said line passing through the south corner of said lot, thence northeast to the south corner of said lot, thence southeast along a line in extension of the southwest boundary of said line 50 feet, thence northeast to point of beginning, containing 1/3 of an acre, more or less.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells reported that objections had been filed to the sale by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County and by Don Lowery of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that action on the sale be postponed pending determination as to objections. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees September 10, from Dwight L. Rogers, on behalf of Intracoastal, Inc., with offer of $150.00 an acre for Broward County land, the Trustees ordered the following Notice published in the Daily News, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the issues of September 16, 23, 30, October 7 and 14, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 13th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. October 15th, 1946, the following described lands in BROWARD COUNTY:

Approximately 19 acres of submerged land in the N 1/2 of Government Lot 5, Section 36, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, lying immediately west of the West R/W Line of Intracoastal Waterway.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale and upon information that no objections were filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the offer from Intracoastal, Inc., be accepted, subject to easement held by Florida Inland Navigation District. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Attorney General J. Tom Watson recorded as present.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of that portion of the submerged lands, water and fills thereon in

Sections 34, 35 and 36, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, and Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, lying within 150 feet of the center line of State Road 559—Section 9406.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel applied for by the State Road Department, without consideration. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer of $200.00 from T. B. Ellis, Jr., on behalf of L. W. Halbe and wife, for purchase of

Lot 6, Section 26, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, Containing 36.4 acres in St. Lucie County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from E. B. Elliott for extension of six months time within which to make payment on his Contract 18698, four payments being delinquent as well as drainage taxes for the years 1942 to 1945, both inclusive, on Palm Beach County land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the extension requested by Mr. Elliott be granted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $20.00 an acre was presented from Mrs. Lula Ezell for purchase of

Government Lot 4, Section 23, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize sale of the land applied for by Mrs. Ezell at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from D. H. Cosby with offer of $500.00 an acre for

1.41 acres of land in Government Lot 4, Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, located in Boca Ratones Lagoon.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees advertise the parcel applied for for objections only based on offer from Mr. Cosby. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Report was presented from Dr. Herman Gunter on location and progress made on Gulf Oil Corporation's well on land in Monroe County, covered by State Lease #374.

Report was read and ordered filed.

The matter of high water in Lake Geneva in Clay County was discussed. The subject had been before the Trustees on two former occasions and the position

taken by the Trustees had been that no State question was involved for which there was responsibility on the part of the Trustees.

Upon further discussion of the subject, Mr. Watson moved that the Trustees advise the County Commissioners of Clay County that in their opinion the Constitutional writ granted by the Supreme Court in the Lake Geneva Drainage case is intended to keep closed drainage ditches between Lake Geneva and Oldfield Pond pending the determination of Frank Wright's intervention petition, and if the County Commissioners, upon receipt of such advice from the Trustees, do not close the drainage recently opened by them between the two bodies of water thereupon the Trustees authorize the filing of petition in the Supreme Court of Florida asking for an appropriate supplementary order from said Court that would cause the closing of the particular drainage referred to.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote failed of adoption.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
October 23, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. T. Franklin West appeared before the Trustees, on behalf of himself and M. W. Foley, applying for

extension of twelve months in time for constructing plant required under the terms of their mineral sand lease #428.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees grant extension requested by Mr. West, such extension to apply only to construction of plant provided under the lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees October 1, 1946, tentatively authorizing ten-year lease in favor of Mr. Raymond Rector, no showing had been made by Mr. Braddock why the lease should not be granted. He presented several letters and telegrams requesting that action on the lease be postponed.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize execution of the 10-year lease in favor of Mr. Rector as agreed upon October 1st. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way through the following described property:

> Submerged and Lake Okeechobee bottom land in Township 43 South, Range 36 East, between the meander line of Torry Island and the meander line of the mainland, Palm Beach County,

lying within one hundred (100) feet of each side of the center line of State Road #172—Belle Glade-Kraemer Island Highway.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the right of way requested by the State Road Department, subject to ten-year lease of the property in favor of Raymond Rector. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Leo Butler and Mr. E. C. Wright applied to the Trustees for permit to dredge fill material and place on property Mr. Wright purchased from the State, and to purchase an additional area from the State. Information was furnished that erosion had reduced the island from its original 77 acres to approximately 7 or 8 acres and it was proposed to place sufficient fill material to eliminate the possibility of a pass being formed similar to Hurricane Pass.

Mr. Wright stated that he planned to re-open the Bellevue Hotel and in order to provide bathing beaches and recreational facilities it would be necessary to fill the area in question; that he had agreed with the County Commissioners of Pinellas County that he would make available, when desired, an easement for right of way for highway purposes to the island.

A price of $200.00 an acre was suggested for purchase of the land—one cent (1c) per cubic yard for fill material.

Upon discussion of the application, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to sell to Mr. Wright the following described parcel:

> Approximately 40 acres of submerged and partly submerged land on the Easterly side of Sand Key, lying partly in Sections 17, 19 and 20, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County,

at a price of $6,500.00, subject to advertisement for objections with the privilege of taking fill material from an area adjacent to and Eastward of the land described, a period of five years to be allowed for removing material. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applicant further stated that a part of the remaining sand reef had been pushed back by the sea until it was not now on its original location and asked that the same be included in description for deed in order to eliminate any question of title on account of its changed location. Request approved by Trustees.

Joint Session with Board of Education.

Mr. G. L. Reeves, representing the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, appeared before a joint meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education in behalf of an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, now before the Interstate Commerce Commission, asking for said certificate to permit the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company to operate a railroad south of Lake Okeechobee, in Palm Beach County, thus developing new territory in the Everglades not now served by any railroad.

Following a lengthy discussion of the matter, Mr. Gray moved for the Board of Education, and Governor Caldwell seconded the motion, that the Board of Education indicate its approval and support of the

Atlantic Coast Line's application for a Certificate of Necessity and Convenience without prejudice to any other application of any other railroad.

Ayes: Caldwell and Gray.
Nays: Watson.

For the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Mr. Mayo moved, and Mr. Gay seconded the motion, that the Trustees indicate their approval and support of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company's application for a Certificate of Necessity and Convenience without prejudice to any other application of any other railroad.

Ayes: Caldwell, Gay and Mayo.
Nays: Watson.

Mr. Watson offered a substitute motion that the Trustees offer to approve any application of any railroad for right of way, the purpose of which is for development. The motion was lost for lack of a second.

The joint session adjourned.

Mr. Watson retired from the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer of $150.00 an acre from L. B. Hamilton for purchase of

Lot 2, Section 20, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Containing 0.61 of an acre in Palm Beach County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $10.00 an acre was presented from R. H. Hunt for purchase of

Sections 14, 22, 26 and 34, Township 46 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the offer be declined and that the land be taken off the market until further ordered by the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from I. T. Williams, on behalf of M. L. & H. O. Shaw, for fishing camp lease covering approximately one-half acre of submerged

land in Biscayne Bay, described as lying South of Cape Florida, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize one-year lease on the parcel described, upon payment of $50.00 in advance, lease to be subject to cancellation at any time upon thirty (30) days notice. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $122.50 was presented from Roy A. Segree for purchase of

> A certain parcel of sovereignty land containing 0.175 of an acre, abutting on Lot H-14 according to Supplemental Plat of Sections 5, 8 and 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County,

applicant being owner of adjacent property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only based on offer from Mr. Segree. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer of $18.00 an acre from M. A. Boney for purchase of

> Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, Highlands County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the United States for easement to deposit spoil on an island in the St. Johns River, between Commodore's Point and Arlington, designated as

> Spoil Area #29, being an island and adjacent submerged areas, beginning at a point in the northeast corner of Section 41, Township 2 South, Range 27 East, thence by metes and bounds description. Containing 53.54 acres, more or less,—Duval County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize easement executed in favor of the United States covering the area applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from the United States enclosing "Supplemental Agreement No. 1 Transferring Improvements to Lessor and Terminating Lease No. W-09-026-eng-2722," said lease having been entered into July 26, 1944, and covering land in Levy County, title to which vested in the Trustees under the provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. The agreement provides for transferring to the Trustees without cost the improvements placed on the property.

Mr. Elliot informed the board that subsequent to issuance of the lease to the United States the land had been sold into private ownership.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Elliot be requested to make an investigation and see how much of the improvements could be salvaged and what disposition could be made of that remaining. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County asking that permission be given for the County to take rock for road work from the area used by the State Road Department under permit from the Trustees, said area being located in the

N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, containing 70.5 acres, more or less in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant permission to Palm Beach County to remove rock from the area under permit to the State Road Department, subject to approval by and under supervision of the Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $125.00 was submitted from Dr. Richard E. Halton of Sarasota, Florida, for purchase of

Lot 18, Block A, Bay View S/D of Sarasota.

Title to this lot vested in the Trustees under the provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer and agree to advertise the lot for bids provided applicant will agree to bid not less than $375.00 on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts, payment to the State School Fund and other bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Hon. C. M. Gay, Comptroller	$ 45.65
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Principal of State School Fund	13,299.45
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	8.85
The H. & W. B. Drew Company Jacksonville	79.45
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee	27.50
Merritt Brown Company, Jacksonville	5.00
J. G. Holst, Fort Myers	13.00
First Title Guaranty & Abstract Company, Key West	20.00
Flagler County Abstract Company, Bunnell	10.00
Eula R. Hussey, Fort Myers	8.00
L. W. Hardy, Bradenton	12.00
John R. West, Fort Myers	39.75
Abstract Company of Sarasota, Sarasota	29.00
John F. Kirk, Sheriff, Palm Beach County	2.85
Palm Beach Publications, Inc., West Palm Beach	21.00
West Coast Title Company, St. Petersburg	287.00
The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	10.20
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee	39.33
C. C. Kirkpatrick, Washington, D. C.	46.00
Capital Associates, West Palm Beach	1,150.00
F. C. Elliot, Sec. & Engineer	425.00
M. O. Barco, Sec.-Clerk, Land Rec'ds	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	233.00
J. B. Roberts, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor & Bookkeeper	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
W. R. Lott, C.C.C., St. Lucie County	2,985.76
TOTAL	$20,327.79

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, stating that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	9/25/46	20
Brevard	10/2/46	52
Clay	9/28/46	4
Clay	10/12/46	5
Columbia	10/7/46	2
Dade	9/27/46	16
DeSoto	9/30/46	17
Duval	6/12/46	3
Escambia	9/30/46	16
Gulf	9/30/46	1
Hamilton	9/23/46	2
Hamilton	10/7/46	4
Hillsborough	9/16/46	35
Hillsborough	9/30/46	20
Hillsborough	10/8/46	20
Indian River	10/14/46	7
Lee	7/25/46	25
Levy	8/5/46	4
Levy	9/2/46	3
Liberty	8/30/46	2
Liberty	9/30/46	6
Manatee	10/7/46	38
Monroe	10/9/46	131
Nassau	10/14/46	8
Osceola	9/16/46	1
Palm Beach	8/9/46	1
Palm Beach	9/13/46	84
Palm Beach	9/13/46	7
Palm Beach	9/20/46	24
Pasco	10/7/46	17
Pinellas	9/10/46	61
St. Johns	9/16/46	1
St. Johns	9/18/46	14
St. Lucie	10/7/46	78
Santa Rosa	9/2/46	1
Sarasota	9/30/46	34
Seminole	10/7/46	8
Sumter	9/30/46	86
Volusia	10/7/46	55

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the list of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented from several applicants for release of right of way reservations in Murphy Act deeds, the Secretary reporting that the State Road Department had recommended releases in the cases submitted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of the following quitclaim deeds for the purpose of releasing right of ways as approved by the State Road Department:

Charlotte County Q. C. Deed #211 to Earl H. Bredemeyer & Ernest Hanshaw.

Duval County Q. C. Deed #1132 to W. B. & Elizabeth R. Young

Franklin County Q. C. Deed #91 to J. F. Coombs

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #4474 to Georgia Holding Co., Inc.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #1244 to Kenneth M. Penuel & wife

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #1245 to John N. Strickland & wife

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #1506 to Acme Investment Corp.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #1378 to Nelson T. Jones & wife

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #2661 to J. R. Garcia

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #1754 to Minor E. Jones & wife

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #3171 to Madeline Maxwell Olsen

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #1098 to Edwin & Frances F. Thomas

Orange County Q. C. Deed #1190 to R. Marvin Howard and wife

Orange County Q. C. Deed #1204 to M. Seaman

Osceola County Q. C. Deed #433 to Nathan Porter

Polk County Q. C. Deed #1009 to S. C. Meredith

Polk County Q. C. Deed #2181 to R. W. Byrd

Volusia County Q. C. Deed #1175 to Charles H. Barritt & wife

Volusia County Q. C. Deed #1859 to Herbert F. Fuller & wife.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered executed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of the following correction deeds, all having been approved by the Attorney General's office:

Broward County Deed #2970-COR. to Jim H. Carter

Duval County Deed #3429-COR. to Mary S. Nicklas

Hillsborough County Deed #3198-COR. & #3254-COR. to Juan Fernandez, Genaro Garcia & Julio Garcia (Ferger Ltd.)

Pinellas County Deed #04-COR. — Chap. 21684 to Pinellas County.

Volusia County Deed #243-COR. to Geo. C. Beck.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered executed.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement through land in Okeechobee County desired in connection with State Road #59.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department through land described as

Lying within 60 feet of the center line of Road #59, Section 9109 (2)—SRD #14—New Okeechobee Heights and Granada Circle.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the United States for execution of stipulation on the part of the Trustees, providing for easement through Franklin County land, described as

A 30-foot right of way across Lots 5, 6, 11 and 12, Block 84, Keough's 2nd Add. to Carrabelle.

Right of way is desired for laying Trans-Florida Pipe Line under ground and an offer of $1.00 is made for easement.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees grant request from the United States and authorize the Attorney General to execute stipulation on behalf of the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $185.00 was submitted from City of Punta Gorda for purchase of

Lots 17 to 19 and 21 in Block 35, Punta Gorda, Charlotte County.

The offer being one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the price and convey the lots under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943 to the City of Punta Gorda. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Further consideration was given to application from Haines City, presented to Trustees October 1st, for purchase of Polk County lots, information having been furnished that the City plans to use or make all of the lots available to veterans for homesites, without cost, and hold all lots for that purpose for one or two years, thereafter those remaining would be used for other public purposes. Offer of $2.00 per lot was made for

142 Lots located in Sections 19, 28, 29 and 30, Township 27 South, Range 27 East, Polk County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to sell the lots at the price offered, but agreed to convey the property under provisions of Chapter 21684 upon payment of $1,832.50 which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from County Commissioners of Martin County, on behalf of the dissolved town of Palm City, Florida, that the Trustees convey to the County

Unnumbered Lot E, Block 16, Amended Plat of Palm City, Sections 17 and 18, Township 38 South, Range 41 East.

Deed was requested under provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, authorizing conveyance to municipalities, where land was formerly owned, at a price of $1.00 per lot or parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Martin County, on behalf of Palm City, of the lot applied for at a price of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from the Department of Public Safety stating that the following described lots, withdrawn from sale in 1943 for use by the Safety Department, were no longer needed or used:

Lots 3 to 24, Inclusive, Block 9 Seminole Forest Subdivision, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees rescind resolution adopted June 8, 1943, withdrawing from sale Lots 3 to 24, and open the lots for sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of Fort Lauderdale, offering $145.00 for

Lots 3 to 24, Inclusive, Block 9—Seminole Forest S/D, Broward County,

which lots the Trustees placed on sale by action recorded in the foregoing paragraph.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer from City of Fort Lauderdale, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value of the lots, and convey the lots to the City under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented list of certificates requested cancelled by the various Clerks of the Circuit Courts, and reported that the Attorney General's office had approved disclaiming interest in said certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates in the following counties and recommend that they be cancelled by the Comptroller:

Palm Beach
Putnam
Sumter

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following salaries and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	$ 50.00
Burroughs Adding Machine Comapny, Atlanta	12.85
Capital Office Equipment Company, Tallahassee	.45
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	72.21
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Clerk	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Minutes & Records	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk	165.00
Lidie M. Moss, Clerk	130.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	150.00
Elizabeth M. Goode	150.00
TOTAL	$1,323.51

The refund checks listed as follows were issued during the month of October, 1946:

Municipal Liquidators Inc. 505 Florida Theater Building St. Petersburg, Fla.	$35.00
W. A. Wright Perry, Florida c/o F. A. Parker, C.C.C. Taylor County	12.50
TOTAL	$47.50

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 5, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to application from Keen & O'Kelley, to lease an island in Sarasota County, the Trustees agreed to advertise the island for bids. The following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 17th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for lease, for competitive bids and objections, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. November 5th, 1946, the following lands in SARASOTA COUNTY:

A submerged island with approximately one acre of mangrove growth exposed at all times, the remainder to be determined by a survey, said land being in the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East.

The Lessee is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund

The description was called out for bids on a ten-year lease and Mr. Keen, on behalf of Benjamin B. Dunn, bid $25.00 annually for lease of the island.

Mr. Wells reported that at the request of Mr. Lee Ballard of the Hotel Commission he had been notified when bids would be received but nothing further had been heard from him.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize ten-year lease in favor of Mr. Dunn upon payment of $25.00 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on application from John Fite Robertson, on behalf of Witsend, Inc., with offer of $200.00 an acre,

the Trustees agreed to advertise for objections only land in Sarasota County. The following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 25th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida at 11:00 o'clock A. M. November 5th, 1946, the following described lands in SARASOTA COUNTY:

Begin at a point where the north line of Sec. 22-38-18 intersects the shore of the Gulf of Mexico; thence S 29 degrees 30 minutes east along the Gulf 2780 feet; thence east across Casey's Key to the waters of Little Sarasota Bay for a point of beginning; thence continue east into bay 700 feet; thence north 500 ft; west 900 ft. to shore of bay; thence southeasterly along bay shore 570 ft. more or less to the point of beginning, containing 9.2 acres.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections were filed, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Witsend, Inc. at a price of $200.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

At the meeting September 24th application was presented from C. L. Chaney, on behalf of Coral Ridge, Inc., for purchase of Broward County land with an offer of $150.00 an acre. The land was ordered ad-

vertised and the following Notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News on October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 25th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. November 5th, 1946, the following described lands in BROWARD COUNTY:

A parcel of sovereignty land lying between the lot lines of the N 1/2 of the S 1/2 of Government Lot 5, Section 36, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, as projected, the same being between the highwater mark and the Intra-Coastal Waterway, containing approximately 15.8 acres.

(Sale will be made subject to existing Government Lease)

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections were presented or filed to the sale, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Coral Ridge, Inc., at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Charles Ausley, on behalf of Mrs. George F. Baker, renewed application for extension of Lease #193 on Lake Iamonia in Leon County.

It was explained that request was submitted to the Trustees June 11th and question of whether or not there was authority to lease the lake bottoms was

referred to Mr. Julius Parker. Opinion has been rendered by Mr. Parker that there is authority to lease the area.

Upon consideration of the application as presented June 11th and re-submitted this date, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize ten-year extension from this date of Lease #193 upon payment of $100.00 annually, in lieu of $50.00 heretofore paid as rental, in consideration of the additional territory to be included and the construction of larger improvements. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $35.00 an acre from Dempsey Pollard for purchase of

> Government Lot 13, Section 33, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, containing 42.89 acres in Highlands County,

the appraised value being in excess of offer. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from G. A. DeVane, with offer of $16.00 an acre for the following described land:

> Unsurveyed NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and S 1/2 of SE 1/4, Section 26; E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 11; E 1/2 and E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 14; W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 23; All in Township 38 South, Range 30 East, Containing 630 acres in Highlands County.

In making the offer, Mr. DeVane requested that he be allowed to receive contract with cash payment under the old terms, the Trustees having recently changed its policy by requiring payment of twenty-five per cent (25%) cash.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lands for bids based on offer from Mr. DeVane but decline to allow cash payment on contract under the old terms. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented from the State Road Department for right of way through State land in Escambia and Lee Counties for road purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easements in favor of the State Road Department as follows:

> Escambia County — State Road #1—Sec. 4801—SRD #43, Unsurveyed portions of Sections 10 and 15, Township 1 South, Range 32 West, lying West of the Perdido River meander line and lying within 200 feet each side of the center line of State Road #1;
>
> Lee County—State Road #2—Sec. 1202—SRD #168, Lying between the north boundary line of U. S. Government Lot 7 and the south boundary line of Government Lot 3, Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 25 East, which lies within seventy-five (75) feet each side of the survey line of State Road #2, containing 1.89 acres.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $700.00 an acre was submitted from L. L. Stuckey of Pahokee, Florida, for purchase of

> 0.065 of an acre of Sovereignty land adjacent to Lot E-1—Block 5, Supplemental Plat of Sections 5, 8 and 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to sell the parcel to Mr. Stuckey at the price offered, subject to advertisement for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker reported that in the matter of construction placed on Lease #362 from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to J. P. Scranton, subsequently assigned to Gulf Oil Company, the Company contended that since it had drilled a well on lands covered by said lease it would not have to pay any rentals for a period of five (5) years; that he had notified the Company that the Trustees did not so construe the lease and if yearly rentals were not paid action would be taken to cancel the lease. Whereupon the Company had paid the yearly rental without admitting the correctness of the Trustees position on the question.

Mr. Julius Parker informed the Trustees with reference to progress in foreclosure of delinquent mortgages; that abstracts were being secured and ap-

praisals being made; that in a number of cases settlements are being worked out without foreclosure, but it all requires a great amount of work and time. Mr. Parker suggests that he be authorized to employ someone to assist in this work in order to expedite the proceedings while land prices are high.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Parker be authorized to employ an attorney for a period of six months to assist in mortgage foreclosures at a salary of $400.00 per month. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees were advised that a meeting of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission would be held in Dallas, Texas, December 10th.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize attendance at the meeting of either one or two persons to represent the State at the expense of the Trustees, suggesting Secretary of State R. A. Gray, Mr. Julius Parker and State Geologist Herman Gunter. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

During a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions on this date the question was raised as to land used by Belle Glade Prison Farm, title to which was in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Acting as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees instruct their attorney to prepare deed covering land in what is known now as Belle Glade Prison Farm and convey title to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, provided the Trustees have authority to make such conveyance.

Joint Session of Trustees and State Board of Education, with Secretary of State R. A. Gray and Superintendent of Public Instruction Colin English being recorded as present.

Letter was presented from Scott M. Loftin, Trustee, Florida East Coast Railway Company, requesting approval for construction of a branch line in Palm Beach County—Okeelanta Extension—similar action having recently been taken by the two boards on application from Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

On behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees indicate their approval and support of the Florida East Coast Railway Company's application for Certificate of Necessity and Convenience, without prejudice to any other application of any other railroad, said application being for completion of Okeelanta Extension in Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

On behalf of the State Board of Education, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. English, that said Board indicate its approval and support of the Florida East Coast Railway Company's application for Certificate of Necessity and Convenience, without prejudice to any other application of any other railroad, said aplpication being for completion of Okeelanta Extension in Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Joint Session terminated.

Offer of $1,000.00 an acre was made by Morris Salomon, on behalf of Waverly Corporation, for a small parcel of sovereignty land containing approximately one (1) acre, adjacent to upland property of applicant on Biscayne Bay in

Sections 31 and 32, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only based on offer from Mr. Salomon. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot informed the Board that tax statements were being received for drainage district taxes on land owned by the State within Everglades Drainage District and if paid during the month of November a saving of four per cent (4%) would be realized.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to authorize payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes in order to take advantage of the 4% discount during November. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Lease of property south of the Capitol in Tallahassee was discussed. Mr. Elliot reported that lease of the Kline property, owned by the Trustees, had expired in

May and that it would be necessary to determine rental to be charged from that date. Information was furnished that rental paid for the past two years was equal to the amount of interest the State would have to pay on the purchase price—$2,000.00 for the first year and $1,500.00 for the second.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the matter be referred to Mr. Elliot for working out a lease for the next year or two. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Everglades Drainage District that the Trustees convey the following described lot to said District:

> Lot 2, Block 38, Original Town of Fort Lauderdale, according to plat thereof in Plat Book B, page 40, public records of Dade County.

Further information was that the District had sold this lot thinking it was their property. They offer $10.00 for deed from the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline the offer from Everglades Drainage District, but agree to convey the lot for the price the District received for it when sold in 1944. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot furnished each member of the Trustees with copy of Report on Dredging Sand from Ocean Bottoms Eastward of Virginia and Biscayne Keys, Dade County, and Issuance of Leases. It was agreed that the report be studied and consideration had at a future meeting.

Mr. Elliot submitted memorandum of suggestions and subjects to be considered in connection with exchange of lands owned by the State outside of proposed Everglades National Park for lands privately owned within the park area. The following general subjects were considered:

1. Shall it be required that deeds from private owners to Trustees be in fee simple, free of all encumbrances and free of reservations. If not, what nature of deed will be acceptable to the Trustees?

2. Shall the deeds have a reversionary clause in case the park fails to materialize?

3. Shall private owners be allowed to receive additional land to compensate for the difference in sub-surface rights by virtue of statutory reservations required to be in deeds from Trustees as to 50 percent oil and 75 percent phosphate and other minerals?

4. Shall a standard of relative values be adopted covering both privately owned and Internal Improvement Fund land in fixing an exchange basis?

5. Shall present exchange program include all privately owned land without reference to whether subject to outstanding oil and mineral leases, or shall it be limited for the present only to land not subject to such leases?

6. Shall standard forms be prepared by Trustees on which the Park Commission may submit exchange proposals to the Trustees, or may the Commission submit whatever proposal the land owner may offer?

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that action be taken as follows:

As to 1: All deeds from private owners to Trustees shall be in fee simple, free of all encumbrances and free of reservations.

As to 2: There shall be no reversion clause.

As to 3: The Trustees investigate whether or not they would have the right to ask the Supreme Court for an opinion on their right to omit the statutory reservations in exchanging lands outside of the park area for lands privately owned within the park. If the reservation cannot be omitted, that consideration be given to asking the 1947 legislature to authorize the exchange, in the discretion of the Trustees, with or without such reservations.

As to 4: That the assessed value for county tax purposes be adopted as a basis of relative surface values in determining exchange.

As to 5: That the question be studied further for ascertaining whether or not some practical way can be worked out by which exchange of lease lands can be included in

the exchange program, that is to ascertain what disposition could be made of outstanding oil and mineral leases on privately owned lands.

As to 6: That standard form shall be prepared by the Trustees for land exchange proposals.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Capital Office Equipment Company, Tallahassee		$ 10.56
The H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville		162.31
Bulkley-Newman Printing Company		20.00
Lake Abstract & Guaranty Company, Tavares		23.75
Glades & Hendry Abstract Company, Moore Haven		66.00
Polk County Abstract Company, Bartow		111.25
Dade-Commonwealth Insurance Company, Miami		117.00
Mabel P. Raulerson, C.C.C., Okeechobee		1.35
The Tallahassee Daily Democrat, Tallahassee		150.00
Everglades Publishing Company, Everglades		12.00
Palm Beach Publications, Inc., West Palm Beach		21.25
Stuart Daily News, Inc., Stuart		7.25
E. H. Scott, C.C.C., Punta Gorda		3.20
Earnest Overstreet Tax Collector Dade County Miami, Florida		
Everglades Drainage District Taxes	$11,357.24	
Less 4% Discount	454.30	10,902.94
W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector Broward County Fort Lauderdale, Fla.		
Everglades Drainage District Taxes	$13,834.84	
Less 4% discount	553.39	13,281.45
Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Fla.		
Everglades Drainage District Taxes	$38,021.48	
South Fla. Con. District Taxes	10,379.03	
Ritta Drainage District Taxes	999.42	

Pahokee Drainage District Taxes	287.28	
Pelican Lake Drainage District Taxes	2,132.95	
South Shore Drainage District Taxes	103.50	
	51,923.66	
Less 4% discount	2,076.95	49,846.71
C. H. Collier, Tax Collector Collier County Everglades, Fla.		
Everglades Drainage District Taxes	2.10	
Less 4% discount	.08	2.02
Frank A. Armistead, Tax Collector Highlands County Sebring, Fla.		
Everglades Drainage District Taxes	$ 43.72	
Less 4% discount	1.75	41.97
R. D. Yoder, Tax Collector Glades County Moore Haven, Fla.		
Everglades Drainage District Taxes	$ 312.93	
Less 4% discount	12.52	300.41
R. N. Miller, Tax Collector Hendry County LaBelle, Fla.		
Everglades Drainage District Taxes	$ 1,370.64	
Less 4% discount	54.83	1,315.81
R. D. Yoder, Tax Collector Glades County Moore Haven, Fla.		
1946 Everglades Drainage District Taxes on Fractional NW 1/4 (less W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 & Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4) in 35-39-33	$ 14.54	
Less 4% discount	.58	13.96
W. E. Brown Decorating Company, Atlanta Payment 1/3 cost $51,579.34 for furnishing Governor's suite, new wing Capitol, including Board room		17,193.10
		$93,604.29

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	10/29/46	1
Alachua	10/23/46	9
Bay	10/21/46	22
Broward	10/21/46	9
Charlotte	9/9/46	14
Charlotte	10/7/46	1
Citrus	9/23/46	8
Citrus	10/7/46	5
Clay	10/19/46	4
Clay	10/26/46	2
Dade	10/9/46	43
Duval	9/10/46	141
Flagler	10/7/46	2
Franklin	8/5/46	2
Hernando	10/26/46	3
Hillsborough	10/21/46	47
Jackson	10/7/46	1
Jackson	10/28/46	4
Jefferson	10/7/46	1
Lake	10/14/46	93
Levy	10/7/46	4
Marion	10/7/46	6
Martin	5/6/46	1
Martin	8/12/46	41
Okeechobee	10/21/46	9
Orange	10/7/46	134
Palm Beach	8/9/46	1
Palm Beach	9/13/46	2
Palm Beach	10/11/46	25
Palm Beach	10/11/46	2
Pinellas	4/16/46	1
Pinellas	5/28/46	21
Pinellas	7/16/46	53
Polk	8/30/46	42
Putnam	10/5/46	13
Santa Rosa	10/7/46	21
Sarasota	10/28/46	42
Suwannee	10/7/46	15
Taylor	9/20/46	2
Walton	10/7/46	32

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of

deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented requests for correction deeds from Palm Beach, Polk and Suwannee Counties and duplicate deed from Polk County to replace lost deed, all of which have been approved by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for correcting errors in original deeds and replacing lost deed:

Palm Beach County Deed #2578-COR. to Wico, Inc.

Palm Beach County Deed #2486-COR. to Wico, Inc.

Polk County Deed #1219-COR. to Clifton Howell.

Suwannee County Deed #328-COR. to V. Woods.

Polk County Deed #45-A to Odell and Joyce Cannon.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented for release of State Road right of way reservation in deeds issued to land in Osceola, Pinellas and Polk Counties. Mr. Elliot reported that the State Road Department had recommended release of reservation in each application.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for releasing State Road reservation:

Osceola County Q. C. Deed #891 to John S. Cadel and wife.

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed #2762 to Frances M. Anderson.

Polk County Q. C. Deed #Municipal 22 to R. D. Schneider.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for drainage ditch area in Orange County to be used in connection with State Road #22.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request of the State Road Department and authorize easement through Murphy Act lands designated as being in

> Blocks S and T of Bunker Hill 3rd Section;
> Blocks A and B of Floral Park;
> Blocks 2006 and 2007, Bithlo,
> All in Township 22 South, Ranges 31 and 32, East,

for use in connection with State Road #22, Section 7506(2)—SRD #199. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker reported that in the case of
Millard F. Caldwell, et al., as Trustees
of the Internal Improvement Fund,

vs.

Donald B. Kemper and Elizabeth B. Kemper

involving Bay County land, Judge E. C. Welch of the 14th Judicial Circuit has held that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund do not have the right to reserve oil and mineral rights in sale of land, title to which reverted to the State under the Murphy Act. Mr. Parker asked for permission to appeal the case on behalf of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Parker appeal the case as suggested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Attorney, reported that Special Tax School District #50, Hillsborough County, has brought suit against the Trustees to set aside Hillsborough County Murphy Act Deed #675 issued to Eileen H. Montgomery, conveying Lots 4 and 5 of Ridgeland Ranch S/D.

Information was furnished that the records show that title to the lots was in the School District and therefore exempt from taxation.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the matter be referred to Mr. Parker to take such action as he deems advisable. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from the City of Palmetto requesting that the Trustees reconsider action taken October 1, 1946, and reduce price of $1,000.00 for conveyance of

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; W 1/2 of W 1/2 of Lot 7, and Lot 8, Block "C" of Lamb's Plat, Manatee County.

Information was furnished that the City foreclosed tax liens in 1935 but failed to include in the suit the certificate by which title vested in the State under the Murphy Act; that the parcel has been used by Palmetto High School as an athletic field and will be so used as long as needed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees rescind action taken October 1st and agree to convey the lots under Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of $500.00, the deed to contain clause that the land will be used for public purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the Town of McIntosh, Florida, that the Trustees convey certain lots in Marion County at a price of $1.00 per lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer from the Town of McIntosh and agree to deed the following described lots upon payment of $165.00, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, conveyance to be made under Chapter 21684:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 19 to 50, both inclusive, Block 2.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented list of certificates for which cancellation had been requested and upon examination by the Attorney General's office approval had been given for disclaiming interest therein.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates as approved by the Attorney General in the following counties:

Alachua County
Brevard County
Citrus County
DeSoto County
Dixie County
Flagler County

Indian River County
Nassau County
Sarasota County
Sumter County
Suwannee County

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that owing to resignation of one of the employees on Murphy Act work, Mr. Walter A. Maddox had been employed to fill the vacancy and approval was requested for salary on the basis of $180.00 per month.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve salary of Mr. Maddox at $180.00 per month. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer to General Revenue Fund from Murphy Act receipts for the month of October:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson
State Treasurer
Tallahassee, Fla.

For transfer to General Revenue Fund.....$50,000.00

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Walter A. Maddox, Clerk	$ 23.22
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	5.90
H. T. Piety, C.C.C., Highlands County	1.55
R. L. Tilley, C.C.C., Clay County	1.70
The H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville	167.45
Western Union, Tallahassee	1.35
	$201.17

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 19, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Pursuant to application from Canaveral Port Authority, with offer of $1.00 per acre, the Trustees on October 1st ordered Brevard County land advertised for objections only. The following Notice was published in the Cocoa Tribune on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 4th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., November 19th, 1946, for land in BREVARD COUNTY, described as follows:

E 1/2 of Section 9, and N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 37 East.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the description being called out, no objections were filed. It was explained that the tract would be used strictly for the public benefit and in connection with the deep water harbor to be constructed at Canaveral.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale to Canaveral Port Authority at a price of $1.00 per acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application having been made to the Trustees September 24th by J. E. Frierson for purchase of Glades County land at a price of $50.00 an acre, the following Notice was published in the Moore Haven Democrat on October 18, 25, November 1, 8, and 15, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 11th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. November 19th, 1946, for land in GLADES COUNTY, described as follows:

Approximately 20 acres of lake bottom land in the W 1/2 of NW 1/4, Section 23, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, lying North and adjacent to the J. E. Frierson home place. Said tract is bounded on the West by the county road adjacent to Feeder Canal #2.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for objections only and none were filed.

Mr. R. W. Perry of Clewiston, Florida, was present and offered $50.00 an acre for approximately 50 acres in the same tract as applied for by Mr. Frierson.

Upon discussion of the location of the land, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Frierson and order the land readvertised for bids and objections, including the additional acreage applied for by Mr. Perry, based on offer of $50.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

At the meeting of the Trustees October 16, 1946, application was received from D. H. Cosby, of Deerfield Beach Land Company, for purchase of Palm Beach County land with offer of $705.00 for the parcel. Based thereon the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on October 20, 27, November 3, 10 and 17, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 17th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. November 19th, 1946, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

1.41 acres of sovereignty land in Govt. Lot 4, Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, Boca Ratones Lagoon.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for the purpose of receiving objections, if any. No objections were filed, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded

by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Cosby at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees September 24th, 1946, on application from Clyde H. Wilson, for Fred Harting, with offer of $300.00 per acre for Sarasota County land, the following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 18, 25, November 1, 8, and 15, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 7th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections and competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. November 19th, 1946, for land in SARASOTA COUNTY, described as follows:

Begin at the northwesterly end of the New Pass Bridge; thence N. 37° 50' W. along center of John Ringling Parkway 128 feet; thence S. 43° 40' W. 200 feet for a point of Beginning; thence continue S. 43° 40' W. 840 feet; thence N. 46° 20' W. 225 feet; thence N. 43° 40' E. 870 feet; thence S. 38° 44' E. 227 feet to the Point of Beginning, being in Sections 22 and 27, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, and containing 4.4 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, objections were filed by Keen & O'Kelley, on behalf of the Executors of the Estate of John Ringling, on the grounds that they did not know of the proposed sale in time to make investigation to ascertain whether or not the land was covered by more than three feet of water,

or whether separated from Long Boat Key by a recognized channel; that the Ringling Estate claims ownership of all land in Sections 22 and 27, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, and if that is true the State does not own the land. It was requested that sale be postponed pending examination to determine the facts in the case.

Secretary of State R. A. Gray presented telegram from Mr. John F. Burket, Attorney for the Ringling Estate, also memorandum of telephone call from Mr. McLeon, Business Manager, objecting to the sale.

Upon discussion of the objections, as well as the interest the State has in the Ringling Estate, the Trustees were of the opinion that the sale should be deferred for further investigation and it was so ordered.

Mr. Harting, applicant to purchase, was present and stated that he did not think the Ringling Estate had any claim on the land as adjacent upland owner or that sale to an individual could in any way damage the Ringling property.

Governor Caldwell stated to Mr. Harting that the action would be deferred until it could be determined whether or not sale of the land would adversely affect the interest of the State in the Ringling property.

Offer of $150.00 an acre was presented from Dwight L. Rogers, Jr., on behalf of Beachway, Inc., of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for purchase of

> A part of the S 1/2 of S 1/2 of Government Lot 5, Section 36, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, lying east of and adjacent to the West 30 acres of the S 1/2 of said Lot 5 and West of the center line of right of way of Intracoastal Waterway, containing 11.5 acres of submerged land in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for objections only, based on offer from applicant. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from O. J. S. Ellingson, City Manager, Key West, Florida, on behalf of the City of Key West, with offer of $40.00 an acre for purchase of bay bottom land known as

> Garrison Bight located in Section 33, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 92 acres in Monroe County.

The request carried the explanation that the land was to be used for public purposes only and the Trustees were asked to require payment only of the School Fund's equity—$10.00 an acre—and rebate $30.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land for objections only, based on proposal submitted from the City of Key West. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Archie R. Harris, Attorney, on behalf of the Town of South Bay, making application to purchase

> 2 acres of Sovereignty land lying between that part of the meander line of Lake Okeechobee that is the North boundary of the West 825.66 feet of the East 2830.74 feet of Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, and Old Okeechobee Levee and the U. S. Levee right of way line from its intersection with the West line of State Lot 2, Section 10 produced North.

It was explained that the parcel was desired as a City Water Plant site.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to convey the parcel to the Town of South Bay for public purposes only upon payment of $50.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from L. B. Hamilton of Clewiston, Florida, offering $300.00 for purchase of

> Lot 2, Section 20, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, containing 0.61 of an acre in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the parcel for competitive bidding based on offer from Mr. Hamilton. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from Mr. John Fite Robertson offering $375.00 for Sarasota County land, title to which vested in the Trustees under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, the following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 28, November 4 and 11, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 23, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11 o'clock A. M., November 19, 1946, the following described land in SARASOTA COUNTY:

Lot 8, Block A, Granada, according to Plat Book 1, Page 57, Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.
Successful bidder is to pay advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

Upon the land being called out for sale, the following bids were presented:

John Fite Robertson	$375.00
J. Irvin Walden for H. E. Riddel	200.00

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept bid from Mr. Robertson as the highest offer submitted for the lot described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Mr. Evans Crary, on behalf of Walter O. Johns, Stuart, Florida, requesting extension of time for making last payment of $4,102.69 on Martin County land purchased from the Trustees under contract dated September 1, 1944. Title to this land came to the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572 of 1929.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees grant extension to September 1, 1947, for making payment on the contract, provided Mr. Johns will pay all interest to date. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary reported that in July of this year the Trustees agreed to convey to the Town of Moore Haven certain lands, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931, and other land title to which vested in the State under the Murphy Act. The total price fixed by the Board for all land was $2,605.50. Counter proposal has been received from the Town of Moore Haven that the Trustees accept $1,224.25.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to reduce prices fixed at the July meeting for purchase of the land in Glades County but agree to allow the Town of Moore Haven to select any part or all of the land applied for at the prices heretofore agreed upon. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Mr. J. A. Franklin, Attorney of Fort Myers, Florida, calling attention to the fact that two parcels of land were omitted from deed to C. C. Carlton conveying Glades County land under agreement with the Trustees September 28, 1943. Mr. Elliot explained that the Trustees had agreed on a price of $1.50 an acre for sale of certain land formerly owned by Mr. Carlton, title to which had vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14717—Everglades Act—and the two parcels omitted from the deed were listed when application was made for purchase in 1943; that Mr. Carlton has been paying taxes on the land for years and it was through oversight that it failed to be conveyed in 1943.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees convey the following described land to Mr. Carlton at the price of $1.50 an acre:

All Unsurveyed North of River in Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 30 East, Glades County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts, payment to the State School Fund and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee	$ 15.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville	.60
Ocean Beach Reporter, Inc., Jacksonville	4.00
Winter Haven Herald, Winter Haven, Florida	157.50

Ray E. Green, C.C.C., Pinellas County	2.15
Bulkley-Newman Printing Company	4.00
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee	11.62
C. M. Gay, Comptroller	111.90
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Tallahassee	
To Principal of State School Fund	9,192.57
F. C. Elliot, Sec. & Engineer	425.00
M. O. Barco, Sec.-Clerk Land & Taxes	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec.-Clerk Records & Minutes	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor & Bookkeeper	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull, Attorney	400.00
TOTAL	$12,087.34

Financial Statements for the month of October are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of October 1, 1946		$839,371.14
Receipts for the Month		
Land Sales	$20,111.42	
Land Sales—Chapter 14717	125.00	
Farm Leases	9,764.00	
Island Leases	150.00	
Mineral Leases	125.00	
Oil & Gas Leases	2,174.00	
Oil & Gas Mining Lease—		
Polk County	296.25	
Campsite Leases	100.00	
Grazing Lease	64.50	
Timber Leases	3,855.63	
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases	2,463.33	
Government Lease	.83	
Miscellaneous Lease	1.00	
Interest	38.98	
Refund, Everglades Drainage		
District Taxes	62.38	
Total Receipts for the Month of October, 1946	$39,332.32	$ 39,332.32
TOTAL		878,703.46
Less Disbursements for the Month of October, 1946		20,327.79
BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1946		$858,375.67

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
10-14-46	95356	W. R. Lott, CCC	$ 2,985.76
10-31-46	112728	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	112729	M. O. Barco	145.50
	112730	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	112731	J. B. Roberts	19.00
	112732	W. B. Granger	47.50
	112733	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
	112734	A. C. Bridges	259.65
	112735	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	112736	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	119795	F. C. Elliot	39.33
	119796	C. C. Kirkpatrick	46.00
	119798	Southeastern Telephone Co.	8.85
	119799	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	79.45
	119800	Rose Printing Company	27.50
	119801	Merritt Brown Company	5.00
	119802	J. G. Holst	13.00
	119803	First Title Guarantee & Abstract Co.	20.00
	119804	Flagler County Abstract Company	10.00
	119805	Eula R. Hussey	8.00
	119806	L. W. Hardy	12.00
	119807	John R. West	39.75
	119808	Abstract Company of Sarasota	29.00
	119809	John F. Kirk	2.85
	119810	Palm Beach Publications	21.00
	119811	West Coast Title Company	287.00
	119812	Western Union Telegraph Company	10.20
	119813	Capital Associates	1,150.00
	119797	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	45.65
	119814	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas. — Transfer to School Fund	13,299.45
		5% Retirement Fund	51.00
		Withholding Tax	319.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1946			$20,327.79

UNDER CHAPTER 20667

Balance as of October 1, 1946	$61,159.89
Reecipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1946	$61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of October 1, 1946		$1,430.00
Received From:		
October 2—Lake Sail Conservation District, Leesburg, Florida	$275.00	
October 15—Board of County Commissioners Highlands County	250.00	525.00
TOTAL		$1,955.00
Less Disbursements for the Month		-0-
BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1946		$1,955.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of October 1, 1946	$114,202.97
Receipts for the Month	67,339.18
TOTAL	181,542.15
Less Disbursements for the Month	51,371.01
BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1946	130,171.14

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wrarant No.	Payee	Amount
10-17-46	101049	Municipal Liquidators Inc.	$ 35.00
10-31-46	114641	Ernest Hewitt	261.20
	114642	Helen Phillips	72.21
	114643	J. R. Roberts	174.40
	114644	M. O. Barco	23.75
	114645	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	114646	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	114647	Mildred F. Scott	144.15
	114648	Lidie M. Moss	117.10
	114649	Bonnie G. Shelfer	124.80
	114650	Elizabeth M. Goode	122.85
	114651	Protective Life Insurance Co.	1.95
	119327	State Treas. as Treas. SBA & Co. Treas. Ex-Officio	50,000.00
	119884	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
	119885	Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	12.85
	119886	Capital Office Equipment Co.	.45
	119887	W. A. Wright	12.50
		5% Retirement Fund	43.70
		Withholding Tax	98.60

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1946 ..... $51,371.01

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the offers were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Baker	10/28/46	2
Columbia	11/6/46	2
Dade	10/23/46	48
Dade	10/25/46	4
Dixie	11/4/46	1
Escambia	11/7/46	6
Flagler	11/4/46	2
Hamilton	11/4/46	3
Madison	10/28/46	2
Manatee	11/4/46	16
Pasco	11/4/46	29
Pinellas	7/16/46	1
Pinellas	9/10/46	12
Putnam	10/2/46	11
Santa Rosa	11/4/46	2
St. Lucie	11/4/46	10
Volusia	11/4/46	14
Walton	10/7/46	1
Walton	10/29/46	2

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted for issuance of quitclaim deed releasing State Road right of way reserved in Hillsborough County deed. Information was furnished that the State Road Department had approved release as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the following deed be executed for releasing the road right of way as approved by the State Road Department:

> Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed #08-Chap. 21684 to Ivan L. Fisher and wife and William E. Drompp and wife.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from P. A. Nelson of Lake Wales, Florida, requesting some consideration with reference to sale of the following described parcel under the Murphy Act:

Lot 1, Block 1, Brantley's S/D of Highlands Heights, Lake Wales—Polk County.

Information was furnished that Mr. Nelson received warranty deed from former owner of the lot without knowledge that title was claimed by the State and was assured that all taxes and assessments were paid; that after he had spent approximately $500.00 on clearing the land, planting grass and fruit trees, a Mr. E. L. Richburg had notified him that he had purchased the lot at Murphy Act sale.

The Secretary advised that sale was held September 27th but bid of Mr. Richburg had not been accepted by the Trustees; that time for filing protest under the regular rule had elapsed but the Trustees could make exception in the case and authorize the Clerk to accept protest and readvertise the land for sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk to allow protest provided Mr. Nelson will immediately deposit the necessary amount for readvertisement and sale.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Town of Bowling Green, Florida, for conveyance of certain lots on which the City foreclosed liens in 1932 but failed to clear up certificates through which title vested under the Murphy Act. Offer of $130.00 was made for the lots, which amount is equal to one-fourth the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that offer from the Town of Bowling Green be accepted and deed issued under provisions of Chapter 21684, of 1943, to the following lots:

Lot 7, Block 23; Lots 1 to 5 and 11 to 20, Block 37, all in O.R.S. Bowling Green, Hardee County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from North St. Lucie River Drainage District for conveyance of certain lots in the District, comprising part of the right of way of Emergency Relief Canal, for which no offer is made.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of

Lots 1 to 8, both inclusive, Garden City Farms, St. Lucie County,

provided the District will pay one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value—$200.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $300.00 was presented from City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, for conveyance of lots included within the Golf Course area and which were acquired by the City through foreclosure.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept offer of $300.00, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, and authorize conveyance under provisions of Chapter 21684 of the following Volusia County land:

Lots 1 to 32, Block 11—Pickett's Grant New Smyrna;

Lots 1 to 6 and East 72.7 feet of Lots 7 & 8, Block 16, Pickett's Grant;

Lots 1 to 6, Block 15—Pickett's Grant;

East 72.7 feet Lot 8, Block 15 — New Smyrna;

Lot 16 Snider Sub. New Smyrna.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered issued.

Offer of $1.00 per lot was presented from Little River Valley Drainage District for conveyance of

10 Lots located in Kirkton Lawns and West Little River in Section 3, Township 52 South, Range 41 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to sell the lots at the price offered, and that counter proposal be made to convey the lots under provisions of Chapter 21684 upon payment of one-fourth the 1932 assessed value —$47.50. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for cancellation of Murphy Act Certificate #307 of 1934—Alachua County—in which certificate the Attorney General's office had recommended that the Trustees disclaim interest.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Certificate #307 and transmit to the Comptroller for handling. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries and request the Comptroller to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	203.50
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec. Clerk, Land & Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec. Clerk, Minutes & Records	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Lidie M. Moss, Clerk	130.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	150.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk	150.00
Walter A. Maddox	180.00
TOTAL	$1,406.50

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 26, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve Minutes of August 22, September 3, 10, 24, October 1, 16 and 23, 1946. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $5,000.00 was presented from Elberta Crate & Box Company for purchase of

NE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 6 East, containing 155.59 acres in Jefferson County.

Information was furnished that report from the Forestry Department gave the value of the timber and the land as $4,874.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land and timber for competitive bidding, based on offer of $5,000.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from A. M. Godwin of Sebring, Florida, offering $30.00 an acre for

Lot 1, Section 21, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, containing approximately 40 acres in Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline to sell the land at $30.00 an acre, but make counter proposal to advertise Lot 1 for competitive bidding provided applicant will agree to bid not less than $50.00 an acre, and conditioned further that purchaser also buys the school land adjoining this tract. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Carl E. Newcomer with offer of $50.00 an acre for purchase of

S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, containing 80 acres in Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for bids provided Mr. Newcomer will agree to bid $55.00 on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Action was deferred on application from A. F. Rich to transfer Sand Lease #468 to Southern Sand Company.

Application was presented from Humble Oil & Refining Company for lease of the one-half reserved oil interest in Palm Beach County land described as:

W 1/2 of Section 1;
East 400 feet of Section 3;
All Sections 11, 13, 15 and 23, Township 44 South, Range 40 East;
All Hiatus Lot 2;
East 400 feet of Hiatus Lot 3
Between Townships 43/44 South, Range 40 East, containing a total of 2,972.25 acres.

Applicant states that leases have been procured from title owners of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize advertisement for lease of the reserved oil interest in lands described as provided by law. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Sun Oil Company for lease covering the one-half reserved interest in Palm Beach County land described as:

E 1/2 of Section 1;
Section 3, less the East 400 feet,
Township 44 South, Range 40 East;
Hiatus Lots 1 and 3, except East 400 feet;
Lots 4, 5 and 6
Between Townships 43/44 South, Range 40 East.

It was explained that applicants have leases from title owners of the land in question. The reserved interest in the land was ordered advertised for bids.

Application was presented from Lt. Colonel Ralk W. Cooper, Jr., on behalf of the Armory Board, for conveyance of the following described land in Clay County:

SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 14, and
SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 34,
Township 7 South, Range 23 East, containing 80 acres.

Pending further information, action was deferred on the application. It was so ordered.

The following applications were presented for purchase of Highlands County land:

> M. A. Boney offers $30.00 an acre for all land in Sections 28 and 33, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, containing 382.84 acres;
>
> Everett Boney and Julian O'Neal offer $30.00 an acre for all land in Sections 27 and 34, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, containing a total of 1,032.24 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offers made and make counter proposal to advertise the four sections for competitive bidding, provided applicants will agree to bid not less than $32.50 an acre for the land on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Wm. P. Langdon, Chairman of Winter Haven Lake Region Boat Course, addressed to Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo, asking if there are any State funds that can be used for assisting in controlling pollution of the waters of Lakes Spring and Mirror in the City of Winter Haven.

The Trustees were of the opinion that there was no authority to assist in this work and directed that Mr. Langdon be so advised.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Request was presented from Florida Forest and Park Service that the Trustees convey

> 86 acres known as Woodville Terrace located in NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 2 South, Range 1 East, Leon County.

It was explained that the Trustees withdrew a portion of this tract from sale several years ago and placed it under the supervision of the Forestry Department. Now the Vocational Agriculture Department of Leon High School desires to use the tract as a demonstration forest for Future Farmers of America. They have agreed to fence the property and make other improvements. The Forestry Department desires conveyance of title in order to cooperate with the Future Farmers of America by leasing the property to them.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Florida Board of Forestry and Parks of the land described, deed to be issued under Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for land under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Brevard	10/2/46	1
Dade	10/30/46	38
Escambia	11/7/46	2
Gadsden	11/18/46	1
Hillsborough	11/12/46	51
Indian River	11/18/46	18
Lake	11/11/46	71
Leon	10/28/46	5
Martin	8/12/46	4
Nassau	11/18/46	2
Okeechobee	11/18/46	2
Orange	11/4/46	21
Palm Beach	11/8/46	29
Polk	9/27/46	33
Seminole	11/18/46	21
Union	10/19/46	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the list of bids and authorize the

issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented for release of State road right of way reservation in deeds issued conveying title to Murphy Act land in Columbia, Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. The Secretary reported that the State Road Department had approved release of the reservation in each application.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees execute quitclaim deeds as follows:

Columbia County Q. C. Deed #200 to C. R. Andreu

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #08-Ch. 21684 to Highlands Pines Corporation

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #3923 to George A. McCabe & wife

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #4098 to Georgia Holding Co.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #4520 to Georgia Holding Co.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #4547 to Georgia Holding Co.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #08-Ch. 21684 to Ivan L. Fisher and wife and William E. Drompp & wife.

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed #1631 to Jeannette Osborn.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered delivered.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. F. L. Neville, on behalf of Broward County, that the Trustees release reservations in two deeds executed by the Trustees in favor of Broward County.

It was explained that Broward County Deed #1309 conveyed certain Broward County land to be used for a rock pit and reserving unto the State the right for the State Road Department to make use of the lands for procuring rock for road work; also that Broward County Deed #02-

Chap. 21684 conveyed to Broward County certain land in Broward County for fair ground and park purposes, said deed containing the reservation "conveyance for public purposes only." Within the areas covered by each deed there are privately owned lots and the County desires the reservations removed as to certain lots in order that exchange might be effectuated and block up the county's ownership.

With reference to Deed #1309 release is requested of reservation as it applies to lots in Blocks 4 and 5, Highland Park Unit #1.

With reference to Deed #02-Chap. 21684 release is requested of the clause "conveyance to be for public purposes only" as to lots in Blocks 1, 6, 7 and 12, Second Add. to Fort Lauderdale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees quitclaim the two reservations in Deed #1309 as to Lots in Blocks 4 and 5, and as to Deed #02-Chap. 21684, that the Trustees quitclaim the clause for public purposes as to lots in Blocks 1, 6, 7 and 12. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from Edwin L. Semple, Attorney for City of Coral Gables, requesting conveyance of three blocks within the City of Coral Gables which came to the State under the Murphy Act. It was explained that two of the blocks were public streets and the third was a small park and they should not have been assessed for taxes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees execute deed under Chapter 21684 in favor of the City of Coral Gables, conveying title to the following parcels for public purposes only, the consideration to be $5.00:

Block 82 Granada—a paved street.
Block 134 Riviera—a paved street.
Block 53 (25 X 75 feet)—Small park.
Dade County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered executed.

Consideration was given to request from Board of Public Instruction of Dade County that the Trustees convey

28 lots in Railroad Shops Colored Addition

to the Board for school purposes upon payment of $210.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize dedication instrument in favor of the Dade County School Board at the price offered, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Pinellas Board of County Commissioners for conveyance of

> Lot 4, Block 8, Fairview S/D of Section 1, Township 27 South, Range 15 East,

to be used as the site for a County Pound. Five Dollars ($5.00) was offered for title to the lot, which is in excess of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $5.00 and authorize conveyance to the County Commissioners of Pinellas County of the lot described, deed to be executed under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from McKay, McFarlane, Jackson & Ferguson, on behalf of Peninsular Telephone Company, requesting that the Trustees execute quitclaim deed for conveying title to the following described lot:

> Lot 16, Block A, Hillcrest Park Second Addition Sarasota County.

Information was furnished that prior to June 9, 1939, tax certificates were purchased under Chapter 18296, however, one certificate—#1516 of 1929—failed to be cancelled and delivered and title reverted to the State under the Murphy Act. In order to clear the records applicant offers to pay $25.00 for quitclaim deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer and execute quitclaim deed in favor of Peninsular Telephone Company conveying title the Trustees hold to the lot described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented list of certificates requested cancelled by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the respective counties and reported that the Attorney General's office had approved disclaiming interest in said certificates. Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that

the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates listed in the following counties and recommend that they be cancelled by the Comptroller:

Citrus County
Duval County
Hernando County
Palm Beach County
St. Johns County
Sarasota County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Information was furnished that the United States had filed notice of cancellation of Lease No. W-09-026-eng-1352 covering 2,820 acres of Hernando County land, title to which is in the State under Chapter 18296.

The Trustees directed that acknowledgment of cancellation be executed and returned to the Federal Government. It was so ordered.

Mr. Neil Ferguson, representing Mr. Van Ness, presented to the Trustees a situation involving Alachua County land in Orange Lake and asked if there was any way the Trustees could be made a party to a suit to be brought for the purpose of protecting the public interest.

Upon consideration of the request, the Trustees were of the opinion that they had no authority to take part in the suit but if it could be found that they had a clear legal right to protect the public interest the matter would be given further consideration.

The Secretary reported the following transfer to be made from Murphy Act receipts for November to General Revenue Fund:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue Fund....$50,000.00

The following refund check was drawn during the month of November, 1946:

Thomas E. Smith
c/o Ray E. Green, C. C. C.
Pinellas County
St. Petersburg, Florida.....$140.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
December 10, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells submitted for consideration sale of land in Palm Beach County advertised for objections only, to be heard December 3, 1946, based on application from Roy A. Segree with offer of $122.50 for 0.175 of an acre. The following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 25th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 3rd, 1946, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:
A certain parcel of sovereignty land, containing 0.175 acres, abutting on Lot H-14, according to the Supplemental Plat of Secs. 5, 8 and 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been presented or filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Segree at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline the following offers for State land in Hendry County now under grazing lease to Lykes Brothers:

Offer of $5.00 an acre from L. P. Austin for purchase of Sections 13, 24, 25, 26 and 36, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, and Sections 31 and 32, Township 44 South, Range 34 East, containing 4,491.25 acres;

Offer of $5.00 per acre from J. C. Jackman for Sections 13, 24, 25, 26 and 36, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, containing 3,200 acres, and SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 33 East, containing 160 acres.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $200.00 was presented from G. W. Haven for purchase of

1.73 acres of submerged land adjacent to Lots 11 and 12, Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 18 East, Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer subject to advertisement for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from E. D. Tessier offering $50.00 an acre for two tracts of land identified as

Tract "B" in Section 18 and Tract "D" in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, adjacent to Mud Key, Containing approximately 99 acres in Pinellas County.

Appraisal of this land being higher than the offer made, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline $50.00 an acre and make counter proposal to advertise the tracts for objections only provided Mr. Tessier will agree to pay $60.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Charles Ausley, on behalf of Mr. Griscom Bettle, for approval by the Trustees of assignment of Grazing Lease #327 issued to Dwight F. Davis, expiring June 14, 1948, covering 600 acres of land in Leon County, with annual rental payment of $166.00.

It was explained that Mr. Bettle had bought the Dwight Davis property in Leon County and desired to take over the lease from the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve assignment of Lease #327 in favor of Mr. Bettle. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District requesting easement on

Unsurveyed Island No. 19 in Township 1 South, Range 28 East, containing 2.68 acres, more or less, in Duval County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of Florida Inland Navigation District covering the island described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Lt. Colonel Ralk W. Cooper, Jr., on behalf of the Armory Board of the State of Florida, for transfer of title to the

SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 14, and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 7 South, Range 23 East, Containing 80 acres in Clay County.

Information was furnished that the parcel was located within the Camp Blanding area.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of title in favor of the Armory Board to the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Calvin Johnson, on behalf of Redington Beach Isle, Inc., with offer of $150.00 an acre for purchase of

> Sovereignty land in Boca Ceiga Bay containing 39.3 acres located East of Government Lot 1, Section 4, and Government Lot 2, Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees have appraisal made of the parcel before taking action on application from Mr. Johnson. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the Town of Belle Glade for conveyance of the following described parcel:

> 36.73 acres located in Sections 26 and 27, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, designated on U. S. War Department Plat as Parcel 45-YX.

Information was furnished that the City desired the tract as a public park and bathing beach at a nominal consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel at a price of $40.00 an acre and remit $30.00 an acre—$10.00 an acre to be paid into the State School Fund. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Florida Power Corporation for right of way across Long Bayou, Pinellas County, described as

> Beginning at the East ordinary high water mark of Long Bayou on Section line between Sections 36 and 1, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, and Township 31 South, Range 15 East; thence West along the section line between Sections 36 and 31 and 35 and 2, a distance of 4246 feet to west ordinary high water mark on section line between

Sections 35 and 2, having a width of 5 feet on the north side of said section line and 45 feet on the south side thereof.

It was explained that power line facilities to Bay Pines Veteran's hospital needed to be increased and right of way was desired for that purpose.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of Florida Power Corporation for right of way requested upon payment of fifty cents per rod, or a total of $128.67, permit to carry the usual conditions. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that on July 16 and November 19, this year, the Trustees fixed a price of $2,605.50 for certain land formerly owned by the City of Moore Haven and other land to which they claim title; that a portion of the land came to the Trustees by virtue of Chapter 14717 of 1931 and title to the remainder vested in the State under Chapter 18296. The City now requests that the Trustees make conveyance with all reservations omitted from deeds. The Secretary recommended that reservations be omitted from deeds conveying Murphy Act land, including road right of way, but include reservation for oil and minerals in deed conveying land under Chapter 14717.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the recommendations of the Secretary be approved as to reservations in deeds covering both classes of land, conveyance to be made of the following described land under Chapter 14717:

Lots 9 and 11, Block 5
Lots 7, 14 and 16, Block 7
Lot 1, W 1/2 of Lot 2 and Lot 28, Block 139
Lot 8, Block 140, all in Glades County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted. (See Murphy Act subjects for description of land under Chapter 18296).

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to request from Governor Caldwell that he secure information as to status of contracts and leases to Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., he had written attorneys for that company. By letter dated December 3rd from attorneys McKay, MacFarlane, Jackson & Ferguson, information was received that there had

been no change in the status of the leases but it was anticipated that plans would materialize within the next few weeks whereby firm drilling commitments could be made.

It was recalled that on January 8, 1946, the Trustees had approved proposed assignment of the Arnold contracts and leases to a company to be organized but so far the Trustees have no information as to effectuation of plans.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that termination date for action taken January 8, 1946, be fixed as January 8, 1947, and thereafter the Trustees require, before further action shall be taken by them, that the Company submit in writing its proposal for assignment or other disposition of said contracts and leases accompanied by firm commitment of what is proposed to be done, together with information relating to the company organized for the purpose. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary informed the Board that based on application from J. D. Butler, on behalf of Robert A. Pflegl, with offer of $30.00 an acre, certain Broward County land was advertised for sale, subject to competitive bids, June 18, 1946. Applicant was notified on the same date that his bid had been accepted and that he should deposit amount of bid. Applicant made no deposit of money but stated that certain complications would have to be overcome before deed would be satisfactory to his client, those complications consisting of taking up a large number of tax sale certificates of various kinds at the cost of the Trustees, estimated to be $2,000.00.

The Trustees contemplated that purchaser would clear any and all tax liens against the property and that sale would be $30.00 an acre net to the State. Nearly six months having elapsed and applicant not having completed the transaction, the same was considered cancelled by the Trustees.

Offer of $1,147.30 was presented from Morris S. Salomon, on behalf of Herman Wall, for the following described land, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931:

N 3/4 of N 1/2 of SE 1/4; N 3/4 of W 1/2 of SW 1/4, and NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 37, Township 47 South, Range 42 East;

Tract 36 E 1/2; Tract 45 W 1/2; Tract 51 S 1/2 of W 1/2; Tract 62 N 1/2 of W 1/2; S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 less SAL R/W, Section 35, Township 47 South, Range 42 East, Containing in all 149.21 acres in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Wall plus an amount equal to six per cent (6%) interest from date on which certificates were purchased and Everglades Drainage District taxes paid by the Trustees, which amount is $844.15. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Mayo inquired of Mr. Elliot if he had employed an assistant to take care of certain engineering work for the Trustees, to which Mr. Elliot replied that the Trustees had not authorized such employment. Mr. Mayo urged that an assistant to Mr. Elliot be employed as there was so much work of that type connected with the land work of the State that one person could not take care of it.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Elliot to employ an assistant to take care of certain work for the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot stated that as soon as he could find some suitable person he would report to the Trustees with recommendation as to salary to be paid.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the Florida Forest and Park Service for conveyance of the following described land to become a part of a State park in Bay County. It was explained that this tract, together with certain Murphy Act land, was within and adjoined an area known as Base End Towers, used by the Federal Government during the war but recently relinquished and all improvements turned over to the Forestry and Park Service at a considerable reduction in price over cost of the equipment.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees convey the following described land to the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks, without consideration:

In Township 4 South, Range 15 West.
Government Lot 2—42.16 acres
Government Lot 3—39.67 acres

Government Lot 5—33.15 acres
Government Lot 6—20.46 acres
All in Section 26;
Government Lot 9—12.38 acres
Section 15;
SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 23.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Thomas H. Horobin called attention to two parcels of land in Biscayne Bay, one of which was advertised for sale some months ago, subject to objections only, and protest was filed by Indian Creek Golf Club. Disposition of sale was held up pending agreement being reached between applicant and party protesting. Since that time Indian Creek Golf Club has secured title to an area with condition in the deed that the parcel is to remain in its present status and no use be made of it other than at time of sale. Dade County land.

The Trustees requested Mr. Elliot to take the matter up with Mr. Julius Parker and see what could be worked out with reference to the two parcels mentioned. It was so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, that the following salaries, payment to the State School Fund, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills, be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector, Dade County		
Everglades Drainage District Taxes	$ 11.12	
Naranja Drainage District Taxes	280.00	$ 291.12
Less 3% Discount		8.73
		282.39
Cyril Baldwin, Avon Park		322.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Fla.		
To Principal of State School Fund under Section 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941		10,808.90
Hon. C. M. Gay, Tallahassee		134.03
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee		6.20
Capital Office Equipment Company, Tallahassee		.70
Railway Express Agency, Tallahassee		.45

W. A. Wynne, Clerk Circuit Court, Sarasota County	1.70
Fort Lauderdale Daily News, Fort Lauderdale	4.50
The Bradenton Herald Company, Bradenton	8.00
Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota	15.00
Glades County Democrat, Moore Haven	7.04
Palm Beach Publications, Inc., West Palm Beach	13.75
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	425.00
M. O. Barco, Sec.-Clerk Land and Taxes	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec.-Clerk Records & Minutes	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor & Bookkeeper	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull, Attorney	400.00
Total	$14,193.16

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date Of Sale	Number Of Bids
Alachua	11/20/46	6
Bay	11/29/46	10
Broward	9/16/46	25
Citrus	11/25/46	2
Columbia	12/2/46	5
Dade	11/13/46	19
Flagler	12/2/46	1
Hendry	11/11/46	2
Hendry	11/25/46	3
Hernando	12/7/46	4
Highlands	12/2/46	1
Hilsborough	11/25/46	76
Martin	9/16/46	16
Martin	9/23/46	6
Martin	10/8/46	7
Orange	11/4/46	2
Pasco	12/2/46	2
Pinellas	7/7/45	1
Pinellas	9/10/46	1
Pinellas	10/22/46	76

Santa Rosa	11/4/46	1
Sarasota	11/25/46	40
Sarasota	12/4/46	29
St. Johns	11/14/46	10
Union	11/16/46	4
Volusia	11/22/46	147

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented for correction of errors appearing in original deeds issued to land in Dade, Pinellas and Sumter Counties, with report that the Attorney General's office had approved corrections in each application.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of the following deeds:

Dade County Deed #2461-Cor. to R. M. McNeel Properties;

Pinellas County Deed #2348-Cor. to Catharine F. & Benjamin H. Caudle;

Sumter County Deed #127-Cor. to Howard Stewart;

Sumter County Deed #334-Cor. to Hazel Smith Pate, Fannie Carter, R. M. & Howard Stewart & Marie McCormic.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were submitted from parties in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Sarasota and Sumter Counties for release of State Road right of way reservation in deeds issued by the Trustees. Mr. Elliot reported that approval had been received from the State Road Department for release of reservation in each application.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for releasing road right of way reservations as recommended by the State Road Department:

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deeds #1514 and #3482 to Douglas Grant Smith and wife;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #1290 to Marjory R. Hamner;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #2520 to John Diaz;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #2666 to Frederick M. Hahn;

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed #52-Cor. to Walter R. Cassel & wife;

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed #2348-Cor. to Catharine F. and Benjamin H. Caudle;

Sarasota County Q. C. Deed #171 to Interstate Development Co.;

Sumter County Q. C. Deed #127-Cor. to Howard Stewart;

Sumter County Q. C. Deed #334-Cor. to Hazel Smith Pate, Fannie Carter, R. M. and Howard Stewart, and Marie McCormic.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application from the City of Moore Haven, heretofore referred to in this minute, was presented to the Trustees with offer to pay amount fixed by the Board for sale of the two classes of land—under Everglades tax certificates and under Murphy Act—and requesting that the Trustees omit from the deeds all reservations.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the recommendations of the Secretary that all reservations be omitted from deeds conveying title to the following described lands in Glades County:

Lots in the City of Moore Haven for which Special Master's deed dated November 17, 1932 was issued to the City of Moore Haven, to be deeded under Chapter 20424 of 1941, and

Approximately 200 lots in the City of Moore Haven at a price of one-fourth the 1932 assessed value to be deeded under Chapter 21684 of 1943.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from Florida Forest and Park Service for conveyance of 208.54 acres of land in Bay County within and adjoining Base End Tower, of which 20.72 acres is Murphy Act land described as

Government Lot 2, Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 15 West.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel described with deed to be made to the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot recommended change of the Murphy Act Rules with reference to allowance of protests and amounts to be deposited.

Upon discussion of the recommendation by the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the protest rule be amended as follows:

That the second line under Paragraph 2 (a) be changed to read: "Amount of protested bid plus $5.00, or 10%, whichever be the greater."

Upon vote the motion was adopted, the change to be effective February 1, 1947.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees increase salaries of three employes, being replacements to fill vacancies in the Department. He explained that the present salaries were less than the positions had heretofore paid.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the following increases be allowed in salaries of employees, to become effective January 1, 1947:

Bonnie Shelfer	$150.00	to	$165.00
Walter A. Maddox	180.00	to	200.00
Elizabeth Goode	150.00	to	175.00

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	203.50
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec. Clerk, Land & Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec. Clerk, Minutes & Records	28.00

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	150.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk	150.00
Walter A. Maddox, Clerk	180.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	150.00
TOTAL	$1,426.50

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Engineer and Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
December 17, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees October 1 on application from T. B. Ellis, Jr., for purchase of two mortgages with offer of $5,000.00, the following Notice was published in the News Tribune, Fort Pierce, Florida, on November 15, 22, 29, December 6 and 13, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 31st, 1946

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale to the highest and best bidder at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11 o'clock A. M. on the 17th day of December, 1946, an assignment of

mortgage held by the said Trustees on the following described tracts or parcels of land situate in St. Lucie County, Florida:

Mortgage No. 17271:

Lot Eight (8) of Section One (1), Township Thirty-five (35) South, Range Forty (40) East, containing Twenty-two and 65/100 acres, more or less.

Mortgage No. 17272:

Lots Four (4) and Five (5) of Section Twelve (12), and Lots Two (2) and Three (3) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Thirty-five (35) South, Range Forty (40) East containing One Hundred Sixty-eight and 19/100 (168.19) acres, more or less.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.
The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject all bids and the sale.
By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustes Internal Improvement Fund.

Description of the land covered by the two mortgages was called out for bids, either separately or the two together.

Mr. Ellis, on behalf of Miss Helen S. Enns, bid on Mortgage #17271 the sum of $1,000.00 and on Mortgage #17272 the sum of $4,000.00, plus taxes and cost of foreclosure.

Mr. Lawrence Truett, on behalf of Dan McCarty, offered $2,500.00 for Mortgage #17271 plus all taxes and cost of foreclosure of the mortgage.

No other bids received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept offer of $2,500.00 from Dan McCarty for assignment of Mortgage #17271, plus taxes paid by the Trustees, and also accept offer of $4,000.00 from Helen S. Enns for assignment of Mortgage #17272 plus taxes paid by Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on offer of $45.00 from L. L. Stuckey, submitted to the Trustees November 5, 1946, for purchase of Palm Beach County land, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Florida, on November 15, 22, 29, December 6 and 13, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 8th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 17th, 1946, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

A parcel of sovereignty land containing 0.065 acres, abutting on Lot E-1, Block 5, according to the Supplemental Plat of Sections 5, 8 and 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, as adopted by the Trustees of I. I. Fund of the State of Florida as official, 3 Jan. 1928.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale. BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Description of the land was called out for receiving objections. None were received or presented, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Stuckey and convey the parcel described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Dade County land was ordered advertised for sale, subject to objections only, based on application from Morris S. Salomon for client, Waverly Corporation, who agreed to pay $1,000.00 an acre for the land. The following Notice was published in the Miami Herald, Miami, Florida, on November 15, 22, 29 and December 6 and 13, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 12th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 17th, 1946, the following described lands in DADE COUNTY:

Begin at the most westerly point of Lot 8, Block 2 of Biscayne Island according to the plat thereof recorded in plat book 34 at page 93 of the public records of Dade County, Florida; Thence South at right angles to the North Line of Lot 8 Block 2 of the said Biscayne Island for a distance of 300 feet to a point; Thence East parallel to the North line of Lot 8 Block 2 of the said Biscayne Island for a distance of 368 feet, more or less to the face of an existing seawall; Thence Northwesterly along the face of an existing seawall for a distance of 485 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, containing approximately one acre.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost. The TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale. BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been presented when the land was called out for sale, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that conveyance be made to Waverly Corporation, conditioned that upon cancellation of the ninety-nine (99) year lease held by said company on the adjacent upland, that title to the land described in the above notice shall revert to the upland owner. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson not voting.

Land in Brevard County was ordered advertised for objections only based on offer of $200.00 an acre from G. M.

Simmons and clients, and the following Notice was published in the Star Advocate, Titusville, Florida, on November 15, 22, 29, December 6 and 13, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 1st, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 17th, 1946, the following described land in BREVARD COUNTY:

A parcel of sovereignty land 150 feet in depth East & West, lying riverward from the high water mark between the North lot line of Lot 1, as extended and the South lot line of Lot 15, as extended of State Tree Shores Subdivision, as per Plat Book 8, Page 49 of the Public Records of Brevard County, in Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, comprising approximately 3.26 acres.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale. BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Simmons and clients at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson not voting.

Pinellas County land was ordered advertised for objections only upon offer of $6,500.00 from Ed C. Wright and the following Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on November 15, 22, 29, December 6 and 13, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 7th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 17th, 1946, the following described lands in PINELLAS COUNTY:

That tract or parcel of partly submerged land or sand bar with adjacent shallow bottoms on the easterly side of what is known as Sand Key, lying partly in Section 19 and in the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 20 and the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, containing approximately 50 acres. The area lies off shore approximately 1 1/2 mile from the mainland, opposite Bellair. (Accurate description to be furnished with deed)

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale. BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Ed. C. Wright at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson not voting.

Pursuant to application from N. W. Berger, on behalf of Sea Island Development Company with offer of $250.00 an acre, the following Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on November 15, 22, 29, December 6 and 13, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 12th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 17th, 1946, the following described lands in PINELLAS COUNTY:

Lying in Section 10, Twp. 31 S., Rge. 15 E. From Government Traverse point No. 10 between Gov't. Lot 1, Section 10-31-15 and Gov't Lot 1, Section 15-31-15, run N. 23° 05' E. 198 ft;
thence N. 9° 50' E. 528 ft. to a point of beginning;
thence N. 9° 50' E. 382.12 ft;
thence N. 25° E. 656.17 ft;
thence S. 65° E. 245 ft;
thence S. 54° 29' 51" E. 1635.82 ft;
thence S. 6° 18' W. 700 ft;
thence N. 49° 09' W. 106.25 ft;
thence N. 48° 01' W. 419.76 ft;
thence N. 74° W. 198 ft;
thence S. 63° 59' W. 198 ft;
thence N. 36° 02' W. 156.42 ft;
thence N. 30° 03' E. 66 ft;
thence N. 20° 04' W. 264 ft;
thence N. 65° 01' W. 300.96 ft;
thence S. 59° 59' W. 619.08 ft;
thence N. 26° 03' W. 228.36 ft;
to the Point of Beginning, and containing 30.5 acres, more or less.

Lying in Section 15, Twp. 31 S. Rge. 15 E. From Gov't Traverse Point No. 10 between Gov't Lot 1, Section 10-31-15 and Gov't Lot 1, Section 15-31-15 run S. 22° 10' W. 293.63 ft. to a point of beginning;
thence S. 71° 20' E. 265.25 ft;
thence N. 65° 55' E. 459.03 ft;
thence S. 58° E. 667.66 ft;
thence S. 41° 18' E. 492.95 ft;
thence E. 75° 9';
thence S. 21° 19' W. 62.77 ft;
thence S. 73° 23' E. 132.53 ft;
thence N. 55° 09' E. 129.32 ft;
thence S. 19° 46' W. 264.09 ft;
thence N. 70° 14' W. 400 ft;

thence N. 19° 46' E. 130 ft;
thence N. 67° 42' 11" W. 1585.90 ft;
thence N. 22° 10' E. 106.37 ft;
to Point of Beginning and containing 10.6 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

The TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale. BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Applicant requested that the Trustees permit releases from the contract of five-acre blocks upon payment of $250.00 an acre.

The land having been advertised for objections only and no objections filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Sea Island Development Company at the price offered and allow releases from the contract of five-acre blocks upon payment of $250.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson not voting.

Offer of $6.00 an acre was presented from Ronald Brugh, on behalf of St. Joe Paper Company, for purchase of

Lots 1, 2, 3 and W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 9 West, containing 198.11 acres in Gulf County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to sell the land at the price offered but agree to make counter proposal to accept $10.00 an acre subject to advertisement for bids. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from the City of Orlando for lease to pump water from the following lakes in Orange County:

Lake Down, Lake Bessie, Lake Butler, Lake Louise, Lake Isleworth, Lake Tibet-Butler, Lake Sheen, Lake Blanche, Lake Crescent, Lake Fish and Lake Pocket,

for use in connection with Orlando Water Supply system. It was explained that the lake area covered seven and one-half acres (7½) and lease was desired for a term of ninety-nine (99) years with consideration given as $10.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of City of Orlando and Orlando Utilities Commission for the privilege of pumping water from the lakes named for public purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The following offers were submitted from Thomas H. Horobin for purchase of sovereignty land in Dade County:

Offer of $1,000.00 for 0.956 of an acre in Section 2, Township 53 South, Range 42 East;

Offer of $3,000.00 for 2.296 acres in Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 42 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for objections only based on offers from Mr. Horobin. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson not voting.

Mr. Wells requested that the Trustees take some action with reference to charges to be made for dredged material for filling purposes, stating that he and Mr. Elliot had gone into the matter thoroughly and recommended a sliding scale as follows:

5 cents per cubic yard for first 10,000 yards

4 cents per cubic yard for second 10,000 yards

3 cents per cubic yard for third 10,000 yards

2 cents per cubic yard for fourth 10,000 yards and all material over that amount.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the recommendation of Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells and approve the charges for fill material as outlined above. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from William A. Pierce for lease on approximately sixteen (16) acres of swamp island property in Citrus County, to be used for resort purposes. Information was furnished that five acres of the island are owned by the Federal Government and have been leased to Mr. Pierce for a consideration of $1.00 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize lease of the State land in favor of Mr. Pierce upon payment of $50.00 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to action taken by the Trustees July 2, 1946, in connection with Sarasota County land involved in Mortgages #17542, #17543 and #17545 which have been foreclosed and title to the land put back in the State, and upon certain things being done by Mr. Glenn the Trustees would convey, without consideration, one-fourth of the land covered by the mortgages, selection of the land to be made jointly by Mr. Glenn and a representative of the Trustees; that Mr. Glenn has complied with the conditions imposed and has requested deed to the land selected; also he has made application to purchase at a price of $6.50 an acre the remaining land formerly covered by said mortgages in Section 17, Township 39 South, Range 20 East, and in Sections 31 and 32, Township 39 South, Range 21 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the following described land:

> SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 and N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 32, and E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 39 South, Range 21 East, Containing 140 acres in Sarasota County,

according to action heretofore taken, but decline to sell the remainder of the land at a price of $6.50 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $500.00 from A. B. Edwards for assignment of Mortgage #17146 involving 31.48 acres in Sarasota County, and make counter proposal to accept $1,500.00 for assignment of said mortgage. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells asked that consideration be given to sand leases applied for involving areas in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, and called attention to action taken by the War Department providing for certain conditions, limiting taking of sand seaward of the 12-foot contour, removal to be taken at certain depths and under supervision of the local District Engnieer Office at Miami.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Wells take the matter up with the U. S. District Engineer, Jacksonville, Florida, with a view to securing modification of the government rules relative to taking fill material from Biscayne Bay. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees on offer of $50.00 an acre or $677.00 from Driggers and Remsberg for Broward County land, the following Notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News on November 26, December 3 and 10, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 21, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11 o'clock A. M., December 17, 1946, the following described land in BROWARD COUNTY:

Tract 14, Less S. 50 feet and North 5 acres, Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Containing 13.54 acres.

Successful bidder is to pay advertising cost.
The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.
By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Mr. Elliot called out the description and reported that a bid of $808.00 or $59.68 an acre had been received in the Governor's office by telephone from Mr. Ernest Platt of Dania, Florida.

Mr. H. J. Driggers was present and on behalf of himself and Mr. Remsberg raised the bid to $900.00 for the tract.

There being no further bids, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept offer of $900.00 and authorize deed issued to Driggers and Remsberg covering the land advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Wm. G. Blanchard with reference to proposed bill to be introduced at the next session of the legislature affecting coastal lands of Florida.

The Trustees were of the opinion that they should take no action in connection with the proposed bill.

Financial Statements for the month of November are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of November 1, 1946		$858,375.67
Receipts for the month		
Land Sales	$21,404.22	
Oil Leases	19,742.10	
Mineral Leases	112.50	
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases	1,202.90	
Grazing Lease	10.00	
Fishing Campsites	145.00	
10 Year Lease, to construct Wharves, Docks, Jetties	50.00	
Interest	24.57	
Refund of Everglades Drainage Dist. Taxes '42 — '46	1,096.40	
Timber Leases	2,488.16	
Pipe Line R/W	500.00	
Reimbursement of Advertisement cost Oil & Gas Mining Lease Collier & Palm Beach Co.	56.50	
Return and Restoration of Warrant #9044, Dated 7-20-46 to W. A. Wynne, C. C. C., Sarasota County Taxes paid by grantor of conveyance	138.62	
Total Receipts for the month of November, 1946		$ 46,970.97
TOTAL		905,346.64
Less Disbursements for November, 1946		105,691.63
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1946		$799,655.01

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
11-2-46	122434	W. E. Brown Decorating Co.	$ 17,193.10
11-12-46	129978	W. O. Berryhill T. C.	13,281.45
	129979	Stetson O. Sproul T. C.	49,846.71
	129980	C. H. Collier, T. C.	2.02
	129981	Frank A. Armistead T. C.	41.97
	129982	R. D. Yoder T. C.	300.41
11-8-46	129786	Capital Office Equipment Co.	10.56
	129787	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	162.31
	129788	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	20.00
	129789	Lake Abstract & Guaranty Co.	23.75
	129790	Glades & Hendry Abstract Co.	66.00
	129791	Polk County Abstract Co.	111.25
	129792	Dade-Commonwealth Ins. Co.	117.00
	129793	Mabel P. Raulerson CCC	1.35
	129794	The Daily Democrat	150.00
	129795	Everglades Publishing Co.	12.00
	129796	Palm Beach Publications, Inc.	21.25
	129797	Stuart Daily News, Inc.	7.25
	129798	E. H. Scott CCC	3.20
11-15-46	134383	R. N. Miller T. C.	1,315.81
11-21-46	140617	F. C. Elliot	11.62
	140618	J. F. Cochran Postmaster	15.00
	140619	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	.60
	140620	Ocean Beach Reporter, Inc.	4.00
	140621	Winter Haven Herald	157.50
	140622	Ray E. Green CCC	2.15
	140623	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	4.00
	140625	R. D. Yoder T. C.	13.96
	138632	Earnest Overstreet T. C.	10,902.94
	138636	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	111.90
	140624	S. T., Transfer to School Fund	9,192.57
11-30-46	151230	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	151231	M. O. Barco	145.50
	151232	Jentye Dedge	204.40

151233	J. B. Lee	19.00
151234	W. B. Granger	47.50
151235	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
151236	A. C. Bridges	259.65
151237	Julius F. Parker	433.40
151238	Geraldine Davis	197.80
151239	T. T. Turnbull	314.80
	5% Retirement Fund	71.00
	Withholding Tax	385.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1946 ..... $105,691.63

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of November 1, 1946	$61,159.89
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
Balance as of November 30, 1946	$61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of November 1, 1946	$1,955.00
Receipts for the month	-0-
Disbursements for the month	-0-
Balance as of November 30, 1946	$1,955.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of November 1, 1946	$130,171.14
Receipts for the month	54,411.50
TOTAL	184,582.64
Less Disbursements for the month	51,747.67
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1946	132,834.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
11-8-46	128845	Walter A. Maddox	$ 23.22
	128846	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.90
	128847	H. T. Piety	1.55
	128848	R. L. Tilley	1.70

	128849	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	167.45
	128850	Western Union Telegraph Co.	1.35
11-16-46	134734	Thos. E. Smith	140.00
11-30-46	148081	Ernest Hewitt	261.20
	148082	Helen Phillips	184.80
	148083	J. R. Roberts	174.40
	148084	M. O. Barco	23.75
	148085	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	148086	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	148087	Lidie M. Moss	117.10
	148088	Bonnie G. Shelfer	124.80
	148089	Elizabeth M. Goode	122.85
	148090	Walter A. Maddox	164.70
	148091	Protective Life Insurance Co.	1.95
	155043	J. Edwin Larson S T—	
		Trans. to GR	50,000.00
		5% Retirement Fund	35.45
		Withholding Tax	120.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1946 ..... $51,747.67

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Hamilton	12/9/46	1
Manatee	12/2/46	35
Palm Beach	12/6/46	18
Pinellas	11/19/46	60
Volusia	11/26/46	29
Volusia	12/2/46	41

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the list of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted for correction deed for the purpose of correcting error in description contained in Okeechobee County original deed. Attorney General's office has approved issuance of deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Okeechobee County Deed No. 217-EDDJ-COR. to Mary Schulman. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented for release of road right of way reservation in deeds conveying land in Dade, Duval and Hillsborough Counties.

The State Road Department having approved release of road reservation, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing the road right of way as recommended by the Road Department:

Dade County Q. C. Deed #03-Chap. 21684 to Jay Morton

Duval County Q. C. Deed #2103 to Kiota V. Belton

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #3078 to J. R. Garcia.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Roscoe Brown with request that the Trustees review application submitted to the Special Case Committee and by them denied, concerning offer of $40.00 for

198 lots in Florida Park S/D of Putnam County, Section 12, Township 11 South, Range 24 East.

Records disclosed that one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value of the property was $75.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the action of the Special Case Committee be affirmed and that Mr. Brown be advised that the lots could be purchased at regular sale upon base bid of $75.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the Board of Public Instruction of Putnam County for conveyance without payment of lots in Burt's S/D of Palatka, desired for school building site, playground, recreational and athletic fields.

Upon consideration of the application and based on recommendation from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to

convey all the lots applied for by the Board of Public Instruction without payment and make counter proposal to convey by dedication at a price of $5.00 the following lots in Putnam County:

All Block 4;
Lots 2, 3, 5, 6, 10 and 11, Block A5;
All Block 10;
Lots 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 13;
All in Burt's S/D of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 26 East;
Lots 4 to 12, both inclusive, Calhoun's S/D of Block 14, Burt's S/D Map Book 3, Page 135;

that in making such dedication the Trustees agree to allow the School Board the right of exchange with private owners for other lots in said blocks for school purposes; that as an alternative proposal the Trustees agree to convey the lots described under Chapter 21684 of 1943 to the City of Palatka, or the County, for the Board of Public Instruction at a price of $500.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $62.50 was submitted from the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, for conveyance of the following described lots in Charlotte County:

Lots 3 to 8, inclusive, and Lots 16, 17 and 18, Block K, Wood's 2nd Addition to Punta Gorda.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer from the City of Punta Gorda for the lots described, the amount being equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value of the property. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Mr. W. P. Dodd, calling attention to rate being charged by Apalachicola Times, the newspaper in Franklin County in which Murphy Act sales are advertised, which is in excess of charges made by other publications in counties comparable in size to Franklin County.

The Trustees requested that the Secretary take the matter up with the newspaper, calling attention to rates charged in other counties, and try to work out a satisfactory arrangement for advertising the lands to be sold by the State. It was so agreed.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Fla.
December 31, 1946

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Inquiry was made as to the status of lease recently authorized in favor of the City of Orlando and Orlando Utilities Commission for taking water from the lakes in Orange County.

Comptroller Gay reported that he had discussed the situation with property owners in the county and his impression is that some of the opposition will be removed if given a little more time.

Attorney General Watson stated that he did not realize the scope of the agreement when he voted on it and he felt that all parties concerned should be given an opportunity to be heard before anything further was done.

Mr. Elliot reported that he was making a study of reports from Robert and Company and from Mr. Robert M. Angas and would be able to give his views on the subject at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees resolve that the ninety-nine (99) year lease heretofore authorized be not considered in force and effect but held for further consideration; that notice be given to the holders of said lease that the Trustees reserve the right to cancel such lease and that the City take no action under it that

would incur expense or obligation, pending action by the Trustees on the matter. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented application from James A. Ball, Jr. for purchase of N 1/2 of W 1/2 of Lot 8 in Section 24-43-36, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Elliot informed the Board that the Trustees acquired title to the entire W 1/2 of Lot 8, containing 9.89 acres, through settlement with Everglades Drainage District; that a part of the tract is practically worthless, being a hurricane wash, and while the remainder is damaged it can be used by pumping; also that Mr. Ball holds tax deed on the entire parcel. Mr. Elliot recommended that the tract be sold as a whole at a price of $150.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize sale of

> W 1/2 of Lot 8, Section 24, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, containing 9.89 acres in Palm Beach County,

at a price of $150.00, but decline to sell the N 1/2 of the tract alone. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Telegram was presented from Mr. Manley Caldwell, on behalf of Hillsboro Plantation, Inc., requesting that the Trustees authorize the following exchange of lands in Palm Beach County:

> Sections 24, 26, 35 and 36, Township 45 South, Range 39 East, owned by Hillsboro Plantation, Inc.
>
> for
>
> Sections 4, 5 and 9, owned by the Trustees, and Section 16, owned by the School Board, in Township 45 South, Range 39 East.

It was recommended by the Secretary that counter proposal be made to Mr. Caldwell that the Trustees exchange the sections desired, provided the State Board of Education would be agreeable to including its land, in exchange for the following described land owned by the Company:

> Sections 24, 26, 35, 36, and NE 1/4 and S 1/2 of Section 14, Township 45 South, Range 39 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the recommendation of the Secretary and authorize him to make such proposal to Hillsboro Plantation, Inc., bringing the matter back to the Trustees for final approval. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action taken November 5, 1946, with reference to sale by Everglades Drainage District of Lot 2, Block 38, City of Fort Lauderdale, owned by the Trustees, he had taken the matter up with the District asking for information as to price received for the lot; that he had received letter from the Secretary of the District advising that the lot was sold for $1,000.00. The District has requested deed from the Trustees upon payemnt of $10.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline to convey the lot at the price offered and make counter proposal to execute deed upon payment of $1,000.00—the price for which the District sold the lot. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that said bids were regular in all respects, have been properly checked and were ready for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Charlotte	11/11/46	27
Charlotte	12/16/46	3
Clay	11/30/46	1
Dade	11/27/46	33
Franklin	9/2/46	2
Hernando	12/23/46	4
Hillsborough	8/6/46	1
Hillsborough	12/16/46	59
Holmes	12/23/46	1
Indian River	12/16/46	13
Jackson	11/25/46	4
Jefferson	12/9/46	1
Lake	12/9/46	32
Madison	12/16/46	1
Monroe	12/12/46	43
Okeechobee	12/16/46	6
Orange	12/2/46	117

Putnam	12/7/46	13
Santa Rosa	11/4/46	1
Santa Rosa	12/2/46	1
Sarasota	12/23/46	49
Suwannee	12/9/46	5
Washington	11/4/46	9

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were submitted for correction deeds covering errors in original deeds to lands in Monroe and Volusia Counties. Information was furnished that the Attorney General's office had recommended that the errors be corrected.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the following correction deeds be executed and delivered:

> Monroe County Deeds Nos. 538-COR. and No. 791-COR. to W. H. Jordan, K. A. Jordan and K. A. Jordan, Jr.
>
> Volusia County Deed No. 2096-COR. to W. A. Manning and J. M. Manning.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from John M. Thornburgh requesting that the Trustees convey, without payment,

> Tract 20, Section 21, Township 48 South, Range 40 East, Broward County,

which he claims to own.

Information was furnished that title to the lot came to the State under Chapter 18296 and has been withdrawn from sale and placed in a Conservation area; that the Secretary's office has so advised Mr. Thornburgh but he insisted that the matter be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

Upon review of the file, it was decided that no action was necessary as the case was being properly handled by Mr. Elliot's office.

Request was submitted from Irene Zoller for quitclaim deed conveying

Lot 9, Block 1, Harriett Park S/D—Dade County,

owned by Miss Zoller and on which land she has been paying taxes. It was explained that the lot had been doubly assessed but had been certified by the Clerk as coming to the State under Chapter 18296. Subsequently the parcel was sold to J. L. Wambaugh at a price of $213.00, and upon being informed of the facts in the case he conveyed the land back to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize deed in favor of Irene Zoller conveying the lot described and that refund check be issued to Mr. Wambaugh in amount of $213.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $37.50 was presented from Town of Monticello, Florida, for conveyance of

A Lot in the NE corner of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 5 East, Jefferson County.

The offer being equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value of the lot, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept such offer and authorize issuance of deed under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Pinellas County for conveyance of

Lot 2, SE 1/4 Pinellas Groves in Section 33, Township 29 South, Range 16 East,

with offer of $5.00, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lot under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Consideration was given to request from Stephen Foster Memorial Commission, submitted by Mrs. W. A. Saunders, for conveyance of

Approximately 33 acres of land in Sections 1 and 12, Township 2 South, Range 15 East, Hamilton County,

to become a part of the Memorial Park.

Upon consideration of the application, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize dedication to Stephen Foster Memorial Commission of the parcels requested under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary reported notice from the United States of relinquishment of Indian River County land from Lease No. W-09-026-eng-3490.

Information was ordered filed and the land opened for bids.

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer of funds from receipts under Chapter 18296:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue.....$50,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
January 14, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Upon presentation of the Trustees, Minutes dated September 21, October 9, November 5, 19, 26, December 10, 17 and 31, 1946, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Minutes be approved as presented. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. R. A. Gray, Secretary of State, and Mr. Colin English, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, were present for a joint meeting of the State Board of Education and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the purpose of considering a land exchange between the two boards in order to make available to Belle Glade Prison Farm a parcel of land now owned by the Board of Education.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund authorize the exchange of the following described land:

> Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31 and 32, Less 1 acre, (Elliott's S/D) Section 7, Township 42 South, Range 38 East, Containing 305.10 acres in Palm Beach County,

for land owned by the Board of Education described as:

> S 1/2 of Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Containing 320 acres in Palm Beach County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

On behalf of the State Board of Education, motion was made by Mr. English, seconded by Mr. Gray, that said Board does agree to and authorize exchange of land as set forth in motion of the Internal Improvement Fund. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

It was agreed to by both Boards, and so ordered, that the respective deeds be drawn without any reservations.

Joint session terminated.

Mr. Jay Shuler of Apalachicola, Florida, representing clients in the seafood business at Apalachicola, presented protest to dredging operations in St. Vincent's Sound by Magnolia Petroleum Company in connection with oil well to be drilled in that area. He explained that there would be no objection to drilling of the oil well so long as no refuse or oil was deposited in the Bay. He submitted that the

dredging in the channel would stir up the mud and cover oyster beds for a distance of three or four miles and as oyster bars were located over the entire area any dredging operations would ruin the oyster business in that locality. Mr. Shuler further stated that his clients had protested issuance of War Department Permit allowing proposed dredging.

Mr. Elliot informed the Board that he had received information from interested parties at Apalachicola and that they had outlined certain points about which they were concerned, which are the damage to oyster bars by dredging operations, deposit of drillings from the oil well into the Sound and the throwing up of soil banks which would operate against the ebb and flow of the tides. Mr. Elliot also submitted a letter from Magnolia Petroleum Company outlining what the dredging operations would be, the depth and length of the channels to be dredged, and agreeing that no drilling mud or returns will be released into the bay and no dikes will be thrown up to affect the ebb and flow of the normal tides.

Upon discussion of the subject, Governor Caldwell suggested that action be deferred for two weeks and that Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells take the matter up with Magnolia Petroleum Company and the seafood interests at Apalachicola and try to arrive at a reasonable solution of the objections and at the same time protect the oyster bars in the Sound; also that the War Department be asked to withhold action on application for permit pending the working out of the problem.

Suggestion of the Governor was agreed to and so ordered.

Mr. W. W. Giddens of Tampa, Florida, offered $12.50 per thousand for dead head logs in that area of the Suwannee River from Branford north to the falls, approximately fifteen (15) miles. Applicant agreed to remove sixteen thousand (16,000) feet of timber paying $200.00 in advance therefor, requesting the privilege of purchasing additional quantities, under the same terms and conditions, from the same area or other areas to be designated.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer from Mr. Giddens be accepted upon condition that he submit weekly reports to the Trustees of number of logs taken during the preceding week and if sold, to whom, or if not sold, where logs are held. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from Humble Oil & Refining Company, presented to the Trustees November 26, 1946, for oil lease covering 2,972.25 acres of Palm Beach County land, the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Florida, and in The Democrat, Tallahassee, Florida, on December 6, 13, 20, 27, 1946 and January 3, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 29th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and will receive competitive sealed bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building on or before January 7th, 1947, at 11 o'clock A. M., for an oil and gas lease covering the following described lands in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST		Acres
Section 1:	W 1/2	320.00
Section 3:	East 400 feet of said section	48.50
Section 11:	All	640.00
Section 13:	All	640.00
Section 15:	All	640.00
Section 23:	All	640.00
	All of Hiatus Lot Number 2 and the East 400 feet of Hiatus Lot Number 3 between Townships 43 and 44 South, Range 40 East	43.75

Said Trustees have determined that the lease shall require royalty payments of 1/8 in kind or in value and the amount of $1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor. All bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for the amount of such cash consideration. Copies of the lease to be offered for sale are available to the general public at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building at Tallahassee, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Chapter 22,824, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945.

Said Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, this 29th day of November, 1946.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells stated that the lease was advertised for receiving competitive bids January 7, 1947 but a quorum of the Board was not present and consideration was postponed till this date. The only bid received for lease was $2,303.51 from Humble Oil & Refining Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to confirm lease in favor of Humble Oil & Refining Company at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on application from Sun Oil Company for oil lease covering land in Palm Beach County, the Trustees authorized the land advertised and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Florida, and The Daily Democrat, Tallahassee, Florida, in the issues of December 6, 13, 20, 27, 1946, and January 3, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 29th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and will receive competitive sealed bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building on or before January 7th, 1947, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., for an oil and gas lease covering the following described lands in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST	Acres
Section 1: E 1/2	320
Section 3: less the East 400 feet thereof	591.50
Hiatus Lots 1, 3 except East 400 feet, 4, 5, and 6 between Townships 43 and 44 South, Range 40 East,	402.76

Said Trustees have determined that the lease shall require royalty payments of 1/8 in kind or in value and the amount of $1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor.

All bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for the amount of such cash consideration. Copies of the lease to be offered for sale are available to the general public at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building at Tallahassee, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Chapter 22,824, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945.
Said Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, this 29th day of November, 1946.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

A quorum of the Trustees not having been present January 7—date advertised—consideration was deferred until this date.

Offer of $985.70 was received from Sun Oil Company and was the only bid made.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to accept bid from Sun Oil Company for lease covering the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application made to the Trustees November 26, 1946, by L. B. Hamilton with offer of $300.00 an acre for Palm Beach County land, the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on December 6, 13, 20, 27, 1946 and January 3, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 27th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 7th, 1947, the land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

Lot 2, Section 20, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, containing .61 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

A quorum of the Trustees was not present on date advertised for sale and consideration was postponed.

No other bids having been received, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept $300.00 an acre from Mr. Hamilton for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees on November 26, 1946, received application from Elberta Crate & Box Company with offer of $5,000.00 for Jefferson County land, and the following notice was published in the Monticello News, Monticello, Florida, December 6, 13, 20, 27, 1946 and January 3, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 27th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competi-

tive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 7th, 1946, the following described lands in JEFFERSON COUNTY:

NE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 6 East, containing 155.59 acres.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

A quorum of the Trustees not being present on date advertised for the sale, action was postponed until this date.

The bid of $5,000.00 was the only one received for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Elberta Crate & Box Company at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

On November 19, 1946, the Trustees received application from R. W. Perry and J. E. Frierson with offer of $50.00 an acre for Glades County land. The Trustees authorized advertisement of the land for bids and the following notice was published in the Moore Haven Democrat, Moore Haven, Florida, on December 6, 13, 20, 27, 1946, and January 3, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 25th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11 o'clock A. M. January 7th, 1947, the land in GLADES COUNTY, described as follows:

NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and fractional S 1/2 of NW 1/4, Section 23, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, containing 70 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

A bid of $50.00 an acre was the only one received on date advertised for sale—January 7, 1947—and a quorum not being present the matter was held for action on this date.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer from R. W. Perry and J. E. Frierson for the land advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented November 19, 1946, from the City of Key West, by O. J. S. Ellingson, City Manager, for purchase of bay bottoms to be used for public purpose of the City. A price of $40.00 an acre was fixed with the understanding that the City would pay $10.00 an acre representing the equity of the State School Fund and the Trustees would rebate the $30.00 an acre on the ground that the land would revert to the State should it be used for other than public purposes.

Pursuant to such arrangement, the land was ordered advertised for objections only, and the following Notice was published in the Key West Citizen, Key West, Florida, December 6, 13, 20, 27, 1946 and January 3, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 26th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for ob-

jections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 7th, 1947, the following described lands in MONROE COUNTY:

That certain area known as "Garrison Bight" lying in Section 33, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 92 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

A quorum of the Trustees not being present January 7, 1947, action was postponed till this date.

No objections being filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of the City of Key West upon terms heretofore agreed upon, the deed to contain reversion clause in event the land should ever be used for other than public purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees on November 19, 1946, agreed to advertise for objections submerged land in Broward County applied for by Dwight L. Rogers, Jr. with offer of $150.00 an acre. The following notice was published in the Daily News, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on December 6, 13, 20, 27, 1946 and January 3, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 26th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 7th, 1947, the following described lands in BROWARD COUNTY:

A certain parcel of submerged land containing 11.5 acres lying in the S 1/2 of S 1/2 of Government Lot 5, Section 36, Township 49

South, Range 42 East, lying east of and adjacent to the West 30 acres of the S 1/2 of said Lot 5, and West of the center line of the right-of-way of the Intra-coastal Waterway from Jacksonville, Fla. to Miami, as said right-of-way is shown by plat recorded in Plat Book 17, at Page 13 of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

(This land will be sold subject to Right-of-Way Easement of U. S. Engineers)

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

A quorum of the Trustees not being present January 7, action was postponed till this date.

No objections being filed, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Rogers at a price of $150.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $50.00 an acre was presented from Jesse J. Love for purchase of land located south of Miami, described as

W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, containing 80 acres in Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer of $50.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way 100 feet wide each side of the survey line of State Road #78 through State land in Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize easement as requested for right of way through Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 32 East. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees deferred action on request from Ed. R. Bentley for permit to dredge an area in Lake Tsala Apopka to straighten the south end of Duval Island, owned by his client. Information was desired as to amount of material to be dredged and plat showing the island and where the fill is to be placed. It was so ordered.

Offer of $1000.00 was submitted from Lee F. Franklin for lease on a parcel of land 200 feet by 250 feet on State Road #5 in the

S 1/2 of Section 22, Township 60 South, Range 39 East, Dade County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease of the parcel described for a term of ten (10) years, to be used as a fishing camp site, payment to be at the rate of $100.00 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from C. A. Bailey, on behalf of J. B. Bolton, for five-year extension of Leases #342 and #18461, on Palm Beach County land, said leases expiring October 18, 1948 and August 3, 1947, respectively. Request was made that renewals be on the same rental basis—$138.00 annually for #342 and $350.00 annually for #18461.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant five-year extensions on the two leases at the same rental basis as original leases. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The following applications were presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of State land:

Okeechobee County—Land in Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 36 East, lying within 50 feet of the center line of the existing Connor's Highway—State Road #15(194)—in order to widen Connor's Highway 100 feet;

Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties—Submerged land, water and fills thereon, in Sections 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33, Township 2 South, Range 29 West, and Sections 4 and 5, Township 3 South, Range 29 West, lying within 350 feet of the center line of the existing Pensacola Bay bridge and existing State Road #30(53) — Secs. 4810 and 5803 as heretofore located.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the request of the State Road Department be granted and deeds conveying the land be executed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from J. L. Morris for additional area to be added to his Grazing Lease #365, such area being described as

10 acres north of and adjoining Tracts 7 and 8, south of the Federal Dike in Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County.

Mr. Morris offers $5.00 additional rental for the ten acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to lease the additional area at the price offered but make counter proposal to lease the land at a rental of $1.00 an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $150.00 an acre was submitted from Calvin Johnson, representing Reddington Beach Isle, Inc., for purchase of the following described parcel:

39.3 acres located in Boca Ceiga Bay East of Lot 1, Section 4, and Government Lot 2 in Section 5, all in Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, based on offer from applicant. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Mr. Thad H. Carlton, on behalf of DiGiorgio Fruit Corporation, to purchase an area in Indian River, comprising 23.57 acres of sovereignty land in St. Lucie County, adjacent to upland property of applicant and also the option to purchase an area that the

Trustees have conveyed to the State Road Department as right of way in the event it is not used by the Road Department. $300.00 an acre was offered for both parcels including material for filling the two parcels. Application was also made for the small spoil bank of one-sixteenth of an acre that the Corporation desires to remove in its improvement program.

Upon consideration of the application, Governor Caldwell suggested that the area be reduced somewhat, indicating on the plat submitted that portion to be excluded.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the reduced area for objections only based on offer of $300.00 for the submerged areas and $500.00 for the small island, applicant to submit an amended plat within the boundaries indicated by the Governor with description for advertising. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to decline offer of $1,000.00 from Earl D. Farr for purchase of

> 45.47 acres of sovereignty land in Sections 1 and 12, Township 41 South, Range 19 East, Charlotte County,

the appraisal on the land being in excess of the offer. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

At the request of M. W. Wells, representing West Orange Water Conservation Association, and W. D. Hilsabeck, representing Everglades Drainage District, for appointment with the Trustees, January 28th was agreed upon as a date for hearing both parties.

The Secretary was requested to notify Mr. Wells and Mr. Hilsabeck of the date set.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries, miscellaneous bills and payment to the State School Fund be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Volusia County Abstract Company, DeLand, Fla.	$ 36.00
Okeechobee Abstract Company, Okeechobee, Fla.	750.00
St. Lucie Abstract & Title Insurance Co., Ft. Pierce, Fla.	75.75
Capital Office Equipment Company, Tallahassee	2.60
W. R. Lott, C.C.C., St. Lucie County	1.80
The H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	6.51
The Times Publishing Company, St. Petersburg, Fla.	16.50
D. S. Weeks, C.C.C., Glades County	2.50
Hon. C. M. Gay, Comptroller, Tallahassee, Fla.	23.04
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	425.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Clerk, Land & Taxes	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull	400.00
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Fla. To Principal of State School Fund under Section 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941	11,763.78
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Fla. Transfer from Trustee's account 610, to U. S. Geological Survey Co-operative account	3,665.00
TOTAL	$18,931.48

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that said bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	12/18/46	21
Citrus	12/16/46	6
Citrus	12/30/46	4
Columbia	12/30/46	2
Duval	9/10/46	1
Duval	10/9/46	106
Duval	11/6/46	149
Escambia	12/10/46	8

Gadsden	12/30/46	2
Gadsden	1/7/47	1
Hardee	9/2/46	24
Hendry	1/6/47	102
Hernando	12/23/46	1
Hillsborough	1/6/47	13
Orange	1/6/47	25
Palm Beach	12/13/46	68
Palm Beach	12/13/46	3
Pinellas	10/22/46	159
Pinellas	12/17/46	42
Polk	10/30/46	48
Putnam	11/2/46	1
Seminole	12/23/46	24
St. Lucie	12/2/46	74
Hardee	8/5/46	7

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the report and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary reported applications for release of State Road right of ways in deeds conveying title to land in Hillsborough, Osceola and Polk Counties, all of which had been approved for release by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that quitclaim deeds be executed for releasing road right of way in each of the following deeds as approved by the Road Department:

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed #1989 to Richard C. Hilton.

Osceola County Q. C. Deed #402 to W. W. Wiggins & wife.

Polk County Q. C. Deed # 1219 to Harley L. Hiers & wife.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $802.50 was presented from City of Zephyrhills, Florida, for conveyance of

278 lots and 3 full Blocks in Sections 11 and 14, Township 26 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer, which is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, and authorize execution of deed under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries and miscellaneous expenses be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	203.50
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec. Clerk, Land & Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec. Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	165.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk	175.00
Walter A. Maddox, Clerk	200.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	150.00
Western Union Telegraph Company, Tallahassee	4.03
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	6.35
Capital Office Equipment Company, Tallahassee	3.75
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee	139.52
TOTAL	$1,640.15

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
January 21, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Pursuant to application from M. A. Boney with offer of $32.50 an acre for Highlands County land, the following Notice was published in the Sebring News on December 19, 26, 1946 and January 2, 9 and 16, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 6th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 21st, 1947, the following described land in HIGHLANDS COUNTY:

Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17, Section 28;
Lots 7 and 14, Section 33;
all in Township 35 South, Range 31 East, containing 382.84 acres.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for bids, the only offer received was $32.50 an acre from Mr. Boney.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay that action on the bid be held in abeyance for further investigation. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on application from Everett Boney and Julian O'Neal with offer of $32.50 an acre, the Trustees ordered advertisement of Highlands County land and the following notice was published in the Sebring News on December 19, 26, 1946 and January 2, 9 and 16, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 6th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Interanl Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 21st, 1947, the following described land in HIGHLANDS COUNTY:

Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, SE 1/4, E 1/2 of SW 1/4, Section 27;
NE 1/4, E 1/2 of SE 1/4, W 1/2 of SE 1/4, E 1/2 of SW 1/4, Section 34;
all in Township 35 South, Range 31 East, containing 900.33 acres.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale and the only offer made was from Mr. Boney—$32.50 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that action on the bid be held in abeyance pending further investigation. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported to the board that Thomas L. Glenn had applied to purchase at $6.50 an acre land heretofore involved in the W. B. Harvard mortgage described as:

W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, W 1/2 of SE 1/4 and S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 31;
NE 1/4 of Section 32;
E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 17,
All in Township 39 South, Range 30 East, Containing 420 acres in Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for com-

petitive bids provided applicant will agree to bid on date of sale not less than $12.00 an acre for land in Section 17, and $10.00 an acre for land in Sections 31 and 32. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that Orlando Utilities Commission had requested that meeting scheduled for January 28, 1947, be postponed for six or eight weeks; also Mr. W. D. Hilsabeck, on behalf of Everglades Drainage District, requested that his apointment with the Trustees on the same date be postponed until a later date.

It was agreed that later dates would be arranged for both delegations.

Mr. Elliot reported that the State Prison Farm at Raiford, Florida, and the Florida Forest and Park Service had advised that there was nothing of sufficient value located on Levy County land heretofore under lease to the Federal Government to justify expenditure of removing.

The Secretary reported that in the past the Trustees have had difficulty in having the State lands extended on the tax rolls of the various counties in Everglades Drainage District by description as furnished by the Trustees, and recommended that the tax assessors be instructed to list the State lands according to the identical description supplied by the Trustees.

At the suggestion of the Governor, concurred in by the other members, Mr. Elliot was authorized to request the tax assessors to extend State land to conform exactly with the lists as certified by the Trustees.

Financial Statements for the month of December are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of December 1, 1946		$799,655.01
Receipts for the month		
Land Sale	$20,726.46	
Land Sale—Chapter 14717—		
Glades County	105.00	
Land Sale—Chapter 14572—		
Sarasota County	379.50	
Farm Leases	1,788.95	

Miscellaneous Lease	474.13	
Oil Leases	20,085.81	
Campsite Lease	10.00	
Pipe-line Lease	100.00	
Mineral Leases	150.00	
Grazing Leases	201.14	
Sand and Shell Leases	4,702.95	
Timber Leases	2,096.68	
Lease for Military Purposes	1.00	
Dredge Material from Ortega & St. Johns Rivers	127.50	
Right-of-Way Easement	128.67	
Total Reecipts for December, 1946	51,077.79	51,077.79
TOTAL		850,732.80
Less Disbursements for December, 1946		18,136.23
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1946		832,596.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
12-9-46	162974	Earnest Overstreet T C	282.39
12-12-46	165583	Cyril Baldwin	322.50
	165584	S. T.—Transfer to Prin., State Sch. Fd.	10,808.90
12-13-46	167154	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	134.03
12-18-46	170757	Southeastern Telephone Company	6.20
	170758	Capital Office Equipment Company	.70
	170759	Railway Express Agency	.45
	170760	W. A. Wynne CCC	1.70
	170761	Fort Lauderdale Daily News	4.50
	170762	Bradenton Herald Company	8.00
	170763	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	15.00
	170764	Glades County Democrat	7.04
	170765	Palm Beach Publications, Inc.	13.75
12-31-46	177061	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	177062	M. O. Barco	145.50
	177063	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	177064	J. B. Lee	19.00
	177065	W. B. Granger	47.50

177066	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
177067	A. C. Bridges	259.65
177068	Julius F. Parker	433.40
177069	Geraldine Davis	197.80
177070	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
193166	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.— Transfer to GR	3,943.07
	5% Retirement Fund	51.00
	Withholding Tax	385.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1946 ..... $18,136.23

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of December 1, 1946	$61,159.89
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1946	$61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of December 1, 1946	$1,955.00
Receipts for the month	
December 13—Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners	460.00
TOTAL	2,415.00
Disbursements	-0-
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1946	$2,415.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of December 1, 1946	$132,834.97
Receipts for the month	32,530.20
TOTAL	165,365.17
Less Disbursements for the month	51,666.50
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1946	113,698.67

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
12-4-46	157971	Chas. R. & Myrtle D. Crook	$ 240.00
12-18-46	172012	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.— Transfer	50,000.00

12-31-46	183308	Ernest Hewitt	261.20
	183309	Helen Phillips	184.80
	183310	J. R. Roberts	174.40
	183311	M. O. Barco	23.75
	183312	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	183313	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	183314	Bonnie G. Shelfer	124.80
	183315	Elizabeth M. Goode	124.80
	183316	Walter A. Maddox	164.70
	183317	Vivian A. Dedicos	140.20
		5% Retirement Fund	28.95
		Withholding Tax	123.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1946			$51,666.50

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Broward	11/18/46	18
Broward	12/16/46	26
Charlotte	1/6/47	3
Dade	12/4/46	89
Dade	12/11/46	30
Dade	12/13/46	2
Dade	1/3/47	18
Manatee	1/6/47	11
Nassau	1/13/47	17
Orange	12/2/46	5
Palm Beach	5/10/46	1
Pasco	1/6/47	4
Pinellas	9/10/46	2
Pinellas	10/22/46	1
Pinellas	11/19/46	29
Polk	10/30/46	1
Polk	11/29/46	32
Putnam	1/4/47	31
St. Lucie	1/6/47	12
Suwannee	1/6/47	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and author-

ize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for release of State road right of way reserved in Hillsborough County deed and information was furnished that the State Road Department had approved release as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deed for the purpose of releasing right of way as approved by State Road Department:

> Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 08-Chap. 21684 to Louis H. Spiner.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented for correction deed involving land in Dade County, for correcting spelling of Grantee's name.

The Attorney General's office having approved issuance of corrective deed, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deed:

> Dade County Deed No. 2900-EDDJ-COR. to Daniale Bonadeo.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary reported that on January 5, 1943, the Trustees withdrew from sale all lands under the Murphy Act located in

> Townships 1 and 2 North, Ranges 18 and 19 West, Walton County, Florida,

pending the outcome of oil wells being drilled in that area at the time; that three wells have been drilled resulting in dry holes and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of that county is asking that the withdrawal order be rescinded and allow sale of the land. Further information was that at the time the land was withdrawn oil and mineral reservations were not included in deeds but such reservations appeared in all deeds at this time. It was recommended that the order be rescinded.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees rescind order of January 5, 1943 and notify the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Walton County that lands involved in said order be placed on the list of lands for sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of Port Orange for conveyance under Chapter 20424 of 1941 of the following described land, formerly owned by the City:

West 113 feet of Lot 4; Lot 9, and East 60 feet of Lot 10, Block "F", Port Orange, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land described at a price of $5.00, certificate of former ownership having been filed, deed to be issued under Chapter 20424. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Attorney General's office having recommended that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates for the reason that they did not vest title to the land in the State, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certificates involving land in Alachua, Bay, Citrus, Pinellas and Walton Counties as recommended by the Attorney General. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
January 28, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer of $3.00 an acre from Clarence W. Nelson for purchase of

> Unsurveyed land in Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 30 East, St. Johns County,

for the reason that the appraisal on the property is in excess of the offer. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $10.00 an acre was presented from H. T. Cook for purchase of the following described land:

> NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 28 East, containing 26.86 acres in Flagler County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Cook and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided applicant agrees to bid not less than $12.50 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Charles Holland, on behalf of Lorotto, Inc., offering $500.00 an acre or $235.00 for the purchase of

> 0.47 of an acre of sovereignty land in Section 4, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Statement was made that the parcel described adjoins upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the parcel for objections only, based on offer from Lorotto, Inc. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that this date was set for hearing on proposed dredging by Magnolia Petroleum Company in St. Vincent Sound and objections thereto from seafood interests at Apalachicola, Florida, but information requested had not been furnished by parties at Apalachicola and report would be made at a later date.

Consideration was given to offer of $7.00 an acre from L. P. Austin for purchase of the following described land:

Sections 13, 24, 25, 26 and 36, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer of $7.00 an acre and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided applicant agrees to offer not less than $7.50 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from East Shore Drainage District, Palm Beach County, for canal right of way deed through

Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 37 East.

Mr. Wells explained that this section was recently involved in an exchange with the State Board of Education and prior thereto said board had agreed to give East Shore Drainage District the right of way desired.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of East Shore Drainage District through the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Bay	1/17/47	5
Calhoun	12/30/46	5
Dade	1/10/47	4
Flagler	1/6/47	3
Hillsborough	1/20/47	11
Lake	1/15/47	35
Madison	1/20/47	5
Monroe	1/9/47	238
Okeechobee	1/20/47	7
Orange	1/6/47	2
Pinellas	11/19/46	17
Pinellas	12/17/46	18
Polk	12/31/46	31
Sarasota	1/13/47	30
Sumter	1/6/47	57
Volusia	1/3/47	106
Volusia	1/6/47	82

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve report of bids and authorize the isuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for deed to correct error in name of grantee in sale of Duval County land. Information was furnished that the Attorney General's office had approved issuance of such deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize execution of Duval County Deed No. 3530-COR. to B. D. Moore. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Melvin E. Johnson for renewal of grazing lease #3, dated January 13, 1945, covering all lots owned by the State in Blocks 45 through 52, Magnolia Park, Osceola County. Offer of $10.10 annually was made for said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize renewal for one year of Grazing Lease #3 in favor of Mr. Johnson at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from H. H. Baskin of Clearwater, Florida, requesting that the Trustees take the necessary steps to clear Murphy Act certificates involving Pinellas County land under Mortgage #17694 dated July 9, 1926, executed by Ed Haley. The letter explained that Mortgage #17694 was assigned to Mr. Baskin July 24, 1946 and it has since developed that while the title was in private ownership the tax certificates were issued by which title vested in the State under Chapter 18296.

Upon consideration of the request, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees under Chapter 18296 issue deed under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943 to the Internal Improvement Fund thereby clearing title of the land from Murphy Act certificates and thereupon deed to be issued completing title in Mr. Baskin. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from City of New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, requesting that the Trus-

tees cancel protested sale advertised to be held February 3, and that deed be issued to the City under provisions of Chapter 21929.

The Secretary reported that he discussed the matter with representatives of the City and suggested that they be present at sale and in the event they were not the successful bidder that the Trustees could withhold action and afford the City opportunity to raise the high bid—say $10.00—and then receive deed from the Trustees under Chapter 21684.

The land applied for was described as

Lots 9 to 32, inclusive, Block 8 Barr's S/D of Pickett Grant, New Smyrna
1932 assesed value—$1,110.00

Amount of starting bid for protest sale—$2,566.63.
Mr. Elliot recommended that if the City of New Smyrna carried out the suggestions and was not successful bidder at sale that the Trustees allow purchase under Chapter 21684 at the high bid plus $10.00 in view of the fact that the Ctiy was former owner of the property June 9, 1939, and if application had been made prior to application from another party they could have received deed under Chapter 20424 at a price of $1.00 per parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve as the action of the Board suggestions and recommendation of Mr. Elliot. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The following transfer of funds was reported from receipts under Chapter 18296 to General Revenue Fund:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue.....$50,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
February 4, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees recently considered application from E. D. Tessier with offer of $60.00 an acre for Pinellas County land and it was agreed that the land be advertised for objections only. Whereupon, the following Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 2nd, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. February 4th, 1947, for lands in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

TRACT B — From the intersection of the South line of Govt. Lot 3, Section 18, Township 32 South, Range 16 East and the Govt. Meander Line on the east side of the Town of Pass-a-Grille Beach, Florida, run East 250 feet along said Govt. Lot line. thence S. 2° 30' East 140 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence N. 87° 30' E. 635 feet more or less to the Govt. Meander Line on the west side of Mud Key; thence northwardly following said Govt. meander line to an intersection with a line parallel to and 150 feet southeast from the southerly side of Donce-Sar Place, as recorded in Plat Book 13, Pages 15 to 20, Records

of Pinellas County, Florida; thence in a south westerly direction parallel to said southeasterly side of Donce-Sar Place extended to an intersection with a line N. 2° 30' W. from the P.O.B.; thence 32° 30' E. to the P.O.B. containing 42 acres

TRACT D—From the intersection of the South line of Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 16 East and the Govt. Meander Line on the east side of Long Key, run N. 14° W. 570 feet along said meander line to the east side of an artificial channel on the east side of Donce-Sar Place; thence N. 41° E. 200 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing N. 41° E. 2400 feet along the east side of said channel; thence in a southerly direction parallel to the Govt. Ship Channel east thereof, to an intersection with aforesaid south line of Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, thence west along said section line to an intersection with the Govt. meander line on the east side of Mud Key; thence westerly following said meander line to a point S. 44° E. 1380 feet, more or less, from the P.O.B., thence N. 44° W. to the Point of Beginning, containing 57 acres.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Tessier at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees on December 6, 1946, considered application from G. W. Haven with offer of $200.00 for Hillsborough County land and ordered the following Notice published in the Tampa Tribune on January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahasee, Florida, December 19th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. February 4th, 1947, the following described lands in HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY:

Beginning at the NW corner of Lot 11, Block 7, Henderson Beach, being a sub-division of Govt. Lots 4, 5, 6 of Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 18 East, except the south 30 chains of Lot 4 and 2 1/2 acres off the west side of the S 1/2 of Lot 5, run south following the high water mark of Tampa Bay for a distance of 126 feet, thence west 600 feet, north 126 feet, east 600 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.73 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale. BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize sale to Mr. Haven at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on application from Thomas H. Horobin submitted December 1, 1946, offering $1,000.00 for Dade County land, the Trustees ordered advertisement for objections only and the following Notice was published in the Miami Herald January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 27th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections

only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. February 4th, 1947, for land in DADE COUNTY, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Fractional Section 3, Twp. 53 South, Rge. 42 East, Tallahassee, Meridian in Florida; thence South 1° 41' 45" East, along the East Line of Fractional Section 3 as aforesaid for a distance of 863.68 feet; thence continue South 1° 41' 45" East a distance of 1,148.92 feet to a point; thence run North 55° 43' 43" West for a distance of 256.310 feet to a point on the bulkhead line of Biscayne Point; thence run North 1° 28' 00" West, for a distance of 327.202 feet to a point of Curvature; thence deflecting to the left along the arc of a curve, the radius of which is 240 feet and a central angle of 90° 00' 00" for an arc distance of 376.991 feet to the point of tangency; thence run South 88° 32' 00" West a distance of 2,325.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of the tract of land herein described; thence deflecting to the right along the arc of a curve having a radius of 200 feet and a central angle of 180° 00' 00" for an arc distance of 628.319 feet to a Point of Tangency; thence run South 88° 32' 00" West, along the tangent to aforesaid curve, a distance of 250.00 feet to a Point of Curvature; thence deflecting to the left along the arc of a curve having a radius of 200 feet and a central angle of 180° 00' 00" for an arc distance of 628.319 feet to a Point of Tangency; thence run North 88° 32' 00" East, along said tangent, a distance of 250.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.296 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Objections to the sale were presented from Ben Shepard, on behalf of the City of Miami Beach, Florida.

Without objection action was withheld on sale of the land described in notice.

Offer of $5.00 an acre was presented from David E. Ward of Fort Myers, Florida, for purchase of the following described land now under grazing lease to Lykes Bros.:

> Sections 18, 19, 20, 30; W 1/2 of 31 and E 1/2 of 32, Township 46 South, Range 34 East, containing 3,200 acres in Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Ward and make counter proposal to advertise the lands for competitive bids provided applicant will agree to offer not less than $7.50 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Larson recorded as present.

Application was submitted from A. M. Godwin with offer of thirty-five cents (35c) an acre for one year grazing lease on land described as:

> Lot 1, Section 21, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to grant one year grazing lease on the land described upon payment of fifty cents (50c) an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on application from Thomas H. Horobin, presented at the meeting December 17, 1946, with offer of $3,000.00 for land in Dade County, the Trustees ordered the parcel advertised for objections only and the following Notice was published in the Miami Herald on January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 27th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. February 4th, 1947, for land in DADE COUNTY, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of Fractional Section 2, Twp. 53 S., Rge. 42 E. Tallahassee Meridian in Florida; thence South 1° 41' 45" E. along the West Line of Fractional Section 2, as aforesaid for a distance of 532.350 feet to the Point of Beginning of land herein described; from said Point of Beginning, thence run South 1° 41' 45" East, along the West Line of said Fractional Section 2 as a continuation of the aforesaid course, a distance of 25.000 feet to a Point; thence run North 88° 18' 15" East for a distance of 1,217.220 feet to a point; thence run North 4° 04' 30" West for a distance of 43.536 feet to a point; thence run South 87° 25' 55" West for a distance of 1,215.548 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.956 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells reported objections filed to the sale by Ben Shepard, City Attorney for Miami Beach

Without objection action was withheld on sale of the parcel described in notice.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay

and adopted, that the following offers be declined by the Trustees, the amounts being considered insufficient:

T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of C. F. Cornelius—$10.00 an acre for 151.77 acres of Eagle Bay bottom land in Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County;

J. K. Rogers—$25.00 an acre for lake bottom land adjacent to upland property in Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County;

D. C. Mitchell—$25.00 an acre for lake bottom land adjacent to upland property in Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County.

Mr. Wells called attention to land in Highlands County in Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, advertised for sale, January 21, based on offers of $30.00 an acre from M. A. Boney, Everett Boney and Julian O'Neal, with disposition postponed. Information was furnished that application had also been received from Mrs. George Waggaman for grazing lease on the property, with offer of $1,000.00 annually for 5 years.

Upon consideration of the offers to purchase and the offer to lease, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees withhold action on offers to purchase, and that proposal be made to Mrs. Waggaman for five-year grazing lease on the 1300 acres at annual rental of $1.00 per acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted. (See Minutes January 21, 1947 for Notice and description of land.)

Request was presented from Ida Chandler for deed to the following described parcel in Okeechobee County:

That part of Lot 9 lying in Section 5, according to plat of survey of Section 7, and Fractional parts of Sections 5, 6, 8, 17, 18 and 19, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, containing 83 acres, more or less.

Mr. Wells explained that a thorough investigation of the records disclosed that the Trustees had agreed on a price for a certain area of land including the above described parcel, which was involved in Mortgage #17199 and Ida Chandler had paid the amount specified, however, the original deed omitted the parcel in error. It was recommended that the 83 acres be deeded for a consideration of $1.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Ida Chandler of the omitted parcel above described upon payment of $1.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney, reported that representative of Pantapec Oil Company, purchaser of all the stock in Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., would come before the Trustees prior to March 24, 1947, and explain the program with reference to compliance with contract and oil leases of said company.

Mr. Julius Parker reported with reference to request from Senator Wallace E. Sturgis of Marion County that the State joins or intervenes in a case involving the bottoms of Orange Lake within what is known as Arredondo Grant.

It was recalled that this matter was presented to the Trustees some time ago by Mr. Neil Ferguson of Ocala.

Upon consideration of the request, motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the defendants in the suit conduct the defense in the name of the State without expense to the Trustees, Senator Sturgis to be designated as representative of the State. Motion seconded by Mr. Gay and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker reported with reference to case involving Burlingame Island in Dade County, explaining that in 1919 the Trustees conveyed approximately five and one-half (5½) acres of the island to Margaret N. Burlingame and she in turn conveyed the same to E. N. Claughton and wife, the present owners; that the Federal Government through dredging operations in the river increased the size of the island to twenty-seven and one-half (27½) acres with an estimated value of $100,000.00; that the Claughtons are claiming the entire area and have brought suit to quiet title therein. Mr. Parker asked for authority to procure assistance in Miami for handling this case.

Mr. Sinclair Wells called attention to two other cases in Dade County, one where the party has filled in an area and making claim thereto, and another now in the process of dredging and filling.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that Mr. Parker be authorized to secure the necessary legal assistance for protecting the State's interest in the Miami area, including the cases referred to by Mr. Wells. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker reported that he was defending suit filed in Federal Court against the Trustees by Gulf Oil Company, successor in part of W. G. Blanchard oil lease, seeking declaratory decree holding that said Gulf Oil Company is not responsible for certain rentals under said lease.

Mr. Elliot reported with reference to proposed exchange requested by Hillsboro Plantation, Inc., that the Company was agreeable to the counter proposal from the State, authorized December 31, 1946, with one exception. For certain reasons the Company desires to keep the exchange on an even acreage basis and makes proposal to pay the Trustees in cash to cover differene in land value, such difference to be agreed upon, and omit from exchange the E 1/2 and SW 1/4 of Section 14, owned by the Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize exchange of the following described land owned by the State:

> Sections 4, 5 and 9 and School Section 16, Township 45 South, Range 39 East,

for the following described land owned by Hillsboro Plantation, Inc.:

> Sections 24, 26, 35 and 36 in Township 45 South, Range 39 East,

all of said land being located in Palm Beach County. Exchange to be conditioned upon agreement as to cash payment covering differences in land values. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

A delegation from Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and representatives of Dade County came before the Trustees with reference to Water Conservation area in Dade and Broward Counties. Request was made that the Trustees withdraw from sale and dedicate all swamp and Murphy Act land within the boundaries of the proposed conservation area.

Mr. Elliot reported that he had conferred with the delegation prior to the meeting and had prepared the following memorandum which he believed would cover the ideas brought out and which he recommended that the Trustees approve:

"MEMORANDUM RE WATER CONSERVATION AREA IN DADE AND BROWARD COUNTIES.

That the Trustees withdraw from sale or other disposition all swamp and Murphy Act land within proposed boundaries of water conservation area; that the Trustees take action that such land, or so much as shall finally be determined, shall be dedicated to water conservation subject to the following:

1. That other public agencies having land, tax reverted or otherwise, in such area, take action effectuating dedication to water conservation.
2. That all taxes on lands held by Trustees be of the Internal Improvement Fund, having coneliminated and that all tax sale certificates evidencing tax liens, if any there be against said land which are not in the hands of private persons, be cancelled.
3. That a public agency other than the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, having control and management of such water conservation area, acquire lands privately owned within such area for purposes of water conservation.
4. That if necessary to the foregoing, procure suitable legislation for all public agencies participating or contributing to the water conservation plan to enable such agencies to do things necessary thereto.

And with respect to Everglades National Park:

(a) That the Trustees withdraw from exchange, in connection with Everglades National Park, all lands heretofore made available therefor which will be located within proposed conservation area.

(b) Select and make available other land for park exchange purposes."

Mr. W. D. Hilsabeck, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, stated that he had discussed the plan with the Attorney General as to

the tax situation, and after hearing the suggestions of Mr. Elliot he (Mr. Hilsabeck) felt that the program could be worked out; that legislation might be necessary and that they might need some assistance in connection with tax sale certificates held by private owners.

Governor Caldwell was of the opinion that since benefits from the water conservation area would be largely local to the Everglades, the district should assume the burden of the program; that the dedication by the Trustees of State land would be the States contribution to the program and that the construction and operating expense would have to be worked out by the agency handling the project. It was also suggested that other public agencies in that section should participate in the expenses as well as donating privately owned lands within the proposed area.

The delegation having withdrawn to discuss the memorandum and the suggestions offered returned to the meeting and informed the Trustees that the plan outlined by Mr. Elliot was satisfactory, however, that they would like to have the support of the Trustees in securing legislation to enable the District to do what will be required.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the recommendations as outlined in the memorandum. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following bill be approved and the Comptroller authorized to issue warrant in payment therefor:

E. F. Sarjeant
Daytona Beach
Florida

Part construction cost of Conference Table for Governor's Office.....$300.00

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Broward	1/25/47	78
DeSoto	1/25/47	1
Indian River	1/20/47	13
Palm Beach	1/10/47	26
Pinellas	5/28/46	2
Pinellas	1/21/47	47
Seminole	1/22/47	65

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for deed to be issued for the purpose of correcting error in Okeechobee County deed caused by misspelling of grantee's name.

The Attorney General's office having approved correction, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees issue correction deed as follows:

> Okeechobee County Deed #245-EDDJ-COR. to Mrs. Frances Hough,

in order to correctly spell grantee's name. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $35.00 was submitted from North St. Lucie River Drainage District for the following described land:

> N 1/2 of Lot 130—S/D of Section 8, and N. 5 acres of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 8, Township 36, South, Range 40 East, containing 10 acres in St. Lucie County.

The offer being equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deed under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, conveying the parcels applied for by North St. Lucie River Drainage District. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of Live Oak for purchase of

4 acres across West end of N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 2 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County,

which parcel was formerly owned by the City.

Certificate from the Clerk of the Circuit Court was filed showing former ownership by the City, and request was made for deed under Chapter 20424 of 1941.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deed to the City of Live Oak under Chapter 20424, conveying the parcel applied for, upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney, reported that the appeal from decision of the Circuit Court in the Kemper case, involving the right of the Trustees to make oil and mineral reservations in Murphy Act deeds, was before the Supreme Court and would probably be argued during this month.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
February 14, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees recently declined offer of $25.00 an acre from J. K. Rogers and D. C. Mitchell for purchase of lake bottom land adjacent to upland

property in Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, and applicants request that the Trustees advise at what price they would be willing to sell the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only provided applicants will agree to bid $100.00 an acre for the property. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Mr. T. W. Conely, Jr., that the Trustees execute quit claim deeds in favor of his clients William R. Sommer and Ella Ivey, widow of Martin Ivey, deceased, conveying approximately 5 acres of land in Fractional SW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County. Information was furnished that this parcel was a part of an area which the Trustees agreed to convey in Deed No. 15666 issued in 1901 but was erroneously omitted, although payment was made to include said parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quit claim deed in favor of William R. Sommer and Ella Ivey conveying the parcel described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. J. Tom Gurney, Attorney for Coastal Petroleum Company, informed the Trustees that his clients had purchased the holdings of Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., holder of Leases #224-A, #224-B and #248. He explained that in conference with Mr. Julius Parker, the Trustees' Special Attorney, they had worked out proposed new leases and described the various phases of the leases, especially where there was difference in the proposed leases and those now in existence.

Mr. Parker stated that in conference with Mr. Gurney and his clients the proposed modifications had been worked out and from his point of view he had been guided by what he understood was the policy of the Trustees, which was to secure the greatest number of oil wells drilled within the shortest time, and he felt that the plan proposed would give the Trustees a chance to get more than they now have.

Mr. Elliot called attention to the difference in the number of drilling blocks in Lease #224-A. Present lease calls for thirteen A blocks and six B blocks, while the

proposed plan calls for four drilling blocks for the same area; that under the present lease the requirement is for thirteen wells to be drilled within the first five years after the primary period, while the proposal is, if one well is drilled to each drilling block, that four wells be drilled. Also, leases now call for each well to be drilled to a minimum depth of 6000 feet. Proposal is that 60,000 feet of wells be drilled with no minimum depth specified, except that drilling shall continue unless evidence of barren ground is found.

Mr. Larson explained that he had been in the minority in opposing execution of these leases and had always taken the position that they were not to the best interest of the State; that he felt the opportunity is here now to consider one of two things—first get rid of leases #224-A and #224-B and negotiate anew, or re-negotiate for something better.

Governor Caldwell expressed a willingness to go along with the proposal if assurance was given that ten (10) wells would be drilled to a maximum depth for potential production, or the bottom reached and then define the bottom, with the proviso that the judgment of the Trustees as to what is the bottom will stand unless reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Mr. Larson agreed that he would be willing to go along on that basis with detailed language to be agreed upon later.

No agreement was reached and it was suggested that further study be given to the ideas expressed and the matter brought back to the board at the next meeting.

Mr. Parker reported that with reference to the Burlingame Island suit for quieting title to approximately 50 acres of land, he had contacted attorneys Hunt and Salley of Miami and they had agreed to represent the Trustees and defend the suit for a fee of $5000.00.

Upon consideration of the report, the Governor suggested that counter proposal be made to pay a fee of $2500.00 and if attorneys Hunt and Salley win the case for the State that an additional $5000.00 be paid.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the suggestion of the Governor be adopted and approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported with reference to protest from sea-food dealers and citizens of Apalachicola to granting of War Department permit in favor of Magnolia Petroleum Company for doing certain dredging work in St. Vincent Sound. It was recalled that this subject had been considered January 14th and two weeks given for parties protesting to furnish certain information with reference to damage to oyster beds and other marine life.

A month having elapsed since above action, and the Trustees being in the position of having a contract with Magnolia Petroleum Company requiring the drilling of oil wells, they felt they could no longer hold up permit from the War Department to the company.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees notify the War Department that they interpose no objection to issuance of permit in favor of Magnolia Petroleum Company for doing certain dredging in St. Vincent Sound. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, and adopted, that the following salaries, payment to State School Fund, expense accounts, participation in Hydrologic surveys and miscellaneous bills be approved, and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretay & Engineer	$ 425.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Clerk., Land & Records	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull, Attorney	400.00
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To Principal of State School Fund under Section 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941	18,047.18
Cyril Baldwin, P. O. Box 848, Avon Park, Fla. Expenses incurred November & December 1946 & January 1947	274.50
Southeastern Telephone Company Tallahassee, Fla.	5.50
Capital Office Equipment Company	1.95

The H. & W. B. Drew Company P. O. Box 270, Jacksonville 1, Fla.	9.70
C. M. Gay, Comptroller For travel vouchers	11.75
Mrs. Bessie Alderman, Tax Collector Okeechobee, Fla. Everglades Drainage District Taxes for 1946, Less 4% discount	221.99
Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector Dade County, Miami, Fla. 1946 Everglades Drainage District Taxes Less 1% Discount	272.11
Treasurer of the United States Washington, D. C. For cost of work performed by the Geological Survey in cooperation with the Trustees I. I. Fund	4,087.83
TOTAL	$25,520.51

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for land under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Escambia	2/3/47	2
Flagler	2/3/47	12
Hillsborough	2/4/47	16
Manatee	2/3/47	27
Pasco	2/3/47	4
Pinellas	12/17/46	22
Santa Rosa	1/6/47	4
St. Johns	1/15/47	7
St. Lucie	2/3/47	4
Taylor	1/10/47	1
Washington	1/15/47	6

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve acceptance of the bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted .

Request was presented for correction deed in favor of Arlene M. Taylor for the purpose of giving the correct plat book page number.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following deed be executed:

Hillsborough County Deed #215-Cor. to Arlene M. Taylor;

the Attorney General's Office having approved the correction. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented several requests for release of State road right of ways in deeds heretofore issued convying Murphy Act land, and reported that the State Road Department had approved release in each instance.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the following deeds be executed as approved by the State Road Department:

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed #08-Chap. 21684 to W. M. Miles and Edith P. Miles

Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #08-Chap. 21684 to W. M. Miles

Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #08-Chap 21684 to Max M. Morgan and Annie M. Morgan

Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #08-Chap. 21684 to W. C. Parnell

Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #198 to Mrs. Hazel S. Dickinson

Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #2383 to Alline M. Gudgell

Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #3194 to O. L. Schulstad

Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deed #1539 to Geo. A. Louden

Sarasota County Q. C. Deed #87 to Mary Ross Pickett

Volusia County Q. C. Deed #317 to Evelyn D. Carroll

Volusia County Q. C. Deed #447 to Curtis Basch and Grace Basch.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Mr. Byron Butler, Attorney of Perry, Florida, representing South Georgia Railway Company, requesting that the Trustees cancel Murphy Act

Deed #261 dated June 21, 1946, in favor of D. R. Partin, and recommend to the State Comptroller that the certificates covering the land deeded be cancelled of record.

It was explained that the land described as

> Block 33 J. C. Calhoun Addition to Perry, Taylor County, Florida,

was owned by South Georgia Railway Company; that proof has been furnished by the State Comptroller that said land was assessed in the name of the company by the State Railroad Assessment Board and that the taxes so assessed have been paid by said company through the year 1945. the parcel was also assessed for State and County taxes but taxes were not paid and tax sale certificates were issued therefor in 1928 and 1933 by which certificates title vested in the State under Chapter 18296; subsequent to issuance of deed #261 conveyance was made by Mr. Partin to O. W. Jones and E. A. Loque and from them to B. A. Hendry, Jr.

Upon recommendation from Mr. Elliot, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees recommend to the Comptroller the cancellation of the state and county tax sale certificates erroneously issued against said property; that refund be made to the States grantee, D. R. Partin, of amount paid in the purchase of the property, including Clerk's charges, upon receipt of quit claim deeds duly executed by any and all persons holding title by, through or under him, and quit claim deed properly executed from States grantee to the Trustees, on behalf of the State, to the property in question. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land in Baker County desired in connection with State Road #125 (154).

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize right of way easements in favor of the State Road Department across the following described land in Baker County:

> W 1/2 of NW1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 21 East, lying within 50 feet of the center line of State Road #125 (154)—Sec. 2704-SRD #73
>
> That part of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 21 East, lying within

15 feet of a ditch centerline—State Road #125 (154)—Sec. 2704-SRD #79

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from City of West Palm Beach for conveyance of

West 22.9 feet of Lot 3 and East 37.1 feet of Lot 4, Railway Addition—Palm Beach County,

formerly owned by the City.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay that the Trustees authorize conveyance by deed under provisions of Chapter 20424 of 1941, upon payment of $5.00, certificate having been filed by the Clerk as to former ownership by the City. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Florida Power Corporation for permit to occupy the following described Murphy Act land in Pinellas County with a transmission line:

A strip 65 feet wide through Lots 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, Block 1, Crestview Subdivision of Section 1, Township 27 South, Range 15 East. 1932 assessed value $90.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of Florida Power Corporation upon payment of $1.00 per rod, or $15.85. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $85.00 was submitted from the City of Palatka for the following described land in Putnam County to be used by Board of Public Instruction of that county:

S 1/2 of Block 12, or Lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9, Burt's S/D of the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 26 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel applied for under provisions of Chapter 21684, and accept the offer of $85.00 which is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County for cancellation of certain certificates which were erroneously certified to the State under the Murphy Act.

The Attorney Generals office having approved disclaiming interest in the certificates, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates covered by the requests and recommend that the Comptroller cancel said certificates of record. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following salaries and miscellaneous bills under Chapter 18296 be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	123.55
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Clerk, Land & Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Minutes & Records	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	165.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk	175.00
Walter A. Maddox, Clerk	200.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	150.00
Capital Office Equipment Company, Tallahassee	2.05
Western Union Telegraph Company, Tallahassee	3.75
The H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville	47.50
Burroughs Adding Machine Company 961 Peachtree St. N. E., Atlanta, Ga.	63.22
A. J. Thomas C. C. C. Bradford County, Starke, Florida	1.70
Photostat Corporation Providence 1, R. I.	28.34
Ira D. Todd, 880—10th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, Florida Refunds	125.00
Nick Shannon and Oneil Shannon c/oLangley Bell, C. C. C. Escambia County, Pensacola, Fla. Refund	25.00
Hon. J. Edwin Larson State Treasurer For Transfer to General Revenue Fund	50,000.00
TOTAL	$51,703.11

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
February 18, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Mr. J. Tom Gurney, representing Coastal Petroleum Company, resubmitted proposal for modification of three oil leases—#224-A, #224-B and #248—in favor of Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., which proposal was considered by the Trustees February 14th with no definite action being taken.

Governor Caldwell re-stated his position as being opopposed to doing anything with the leases and did not think much of the proposed changes but would not block any action the other members desired to take.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay that the Trustees approve the proposed amended leases, subject to any further agreement as to areas to be included in each of the drilling blocks. Motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted, Governor Caldwell voting against the motion.

Mr. Julius Parker asked for instructions for handling the $250,000.00 to be placed in escrow. Upon discussion it was agreed to leave to Mr. Parker selection of the bank to hold the cash or United States bonds, either of the Tallahassee banks being suggested, it being understood that Mr. Gurney's clients would pay all fees and expense of escrow arrangements. Mr. Gurney stated that his company would bear that expense.

Mr. Gurney and clients and Mr. Parker retired to discuss the legality of the action as taken by three members of the Trustees with only two voting affirmatively, although the Governor stated that while he would not vote for the changes in the leases he would not refuse to sign the leases as modified. Upon their return to the meeting, Mr. Parker reported that he was of the opinion that the legality of the action taken was questionable.

No further action was taken.

Mr. Julius Parker presented a letter from attorneys Hunt and Salley of Miami, Florida, in which they agreed to accept a retainer fee of $2500.00 for representing the Trustees in the case of E. N. Claughton, vs. City of Miami, et. al., in which is involved approximately 50 acres of land on Burlingame Island, and upon the suit being terminated in favor of the State an additional $5000.00 to be paid Hunt and Salley.

Further information was furnished that the Bill of Complaint filed in the suit involves approximately 72 acres, that the original sale by the State in 1919 conveyed 5½ acres and through dredging operations by the United States Army in cleaning out the channel of the river the size of the island was increased to fifty or more acres, and the entire area, exclusive of the original conveyance of 5½ acres, was claimed as property of the State.

The Trustees confirmed action heretofore taken authorizing payments as above set forth and approved issuance of warrant for $2500.00 in favor of Hunt and Salley as retainer fee in the case.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action taken February 14, 1947, he had notified the United States Engineer Office, Mobile, Alabama, that the Trustees would interpose no objection to War Department permit in favor of Magnolia Petroleum Company for doing certain dredging work in St. Vincent Sound. Also that he had furnished the same information to Mr. C. H. Bourke Floyd of Apalachicola, representing seafood dealers and others in Apalachicola, Florida, who had protested granting of the permit; that following such action Mr. Floyd had requested that he be allowed to come before the Trustees March 25 and be heard on the subject.

It was ascertained that a quorum of the Trustees would not be present March 25 but would be available February

25th, and the Secretary was requested to inform Mr. Floyd that he could be heard on the latter date. It was so ordered.

Financial Statements for the month of January 1947 are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of January 1, 1947		$832,596.57
Receipts for the month		
Land Sales	33,578.01	
Land Sales—Chapter 14572—		
Martin County	235.62	
Land Sales—Chapter 14717—		
—Glades County	340.00	
—Broward County	904.50	
—Palm Beach County	150.00	
	1,394.50	
Mineral Leases	100.00	
Oil Leases	33,049.68	
Sand & Shell Leases	3,992.57	
Turpentine Lease	800.00	
Grazing Leases	448.00	
Timber Leases	3,659.82	
Miscellaneous Lease	354.65	
Fishing Campsites	100.00	
Interest	100.91	
Interest on Default Land Sale under Chapter 14572—Martin County	1.16	
Dredge Material	165.00	
Refund Everglades Drainage District Taxes	843.09	
Total Receipts for the month of January, 1947	78,823.01	78,823.01
TOTAL		911,419.58
Less Disbursements for the month of January, 1947		18,931.48
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1947		$892,488.10

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
1-14-47	201164	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	$ 23.04
1-15-47	201165	State Treasurer—Transfer to Prin., State Sch. Fund	11,763.78

1-17-47	202922	S. T.—Transfer to U. S. G. S. Coop. Fund	3,665.00
1-22-47	207960	Volusia County Abstract Company	36.00
	207961	Okeechobee Abstract Company	750.00
	207962	St. Lucie Abstract & Title Company	75.75
	207963	Capital Office Equipment Company	2.60
	207964	W. R. Lott CCC	1.80
	207965	The H. & B. Drew Company	6.51
	207966	The Times Publishing Company	16.50
	207967	D. S. Weeks CCC	2.50
1-31-47	213112	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	213113	M. O. Barco	145.50
	213114	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	213115	J. B. Lee	19.00
	213116	W. B. Granger	47.50
	213117	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
	213118	A. C. Bridges	259.65
	213119	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	213120	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	213121	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
		5% Retirement Fund	51.00
		Withholding Tax	385.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1947 ..... $18,931.48

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of January 1, 1947	$61,159.89
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1947	$61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of January 1, 1947	$2,415.00
Receipts for the month	
January 4—Marion County	$ 250.00

16—Polk County Commissioners	1,000.00	
18—I. I. Fund—Chapter 610	3,665.00	4,915.00
TOTAL		$7,330.00
Disbursements for the month		-0-
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1947		$7,330.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of January 1, 1947	$113,698.67
Receipts for the month	56,590.72
TOTAL	170,289.39
Less Disbursements for the month	51,861.90
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1947	$118,427.49

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
1-14-47	200266	J. L. Wambaugh	$ 213.00
1-23-47	208504	Western Union Telegraph Company	4.03
	208505	Southeastern Telephone Company	6.35
	208506	Capital Office Equipment Company	3.75
	208507	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	139.52
1-29-47	209329	State Treasurer—Transfer to G. R.	50,000.00
1-31-47	216237	Ernest Hewitt	261.20
	216238	Helen Phillips	184.80
	216239	J. R. Roberts	182.30
	216240	M. O. Barco	23.75
	216241	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	216242	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	216243	Bonnie G. Shelfer	136.25
	216244	Elizabeth M. Goode	144.45
	216245	Walter A. Maddox	181.30
	216246	Vivian A. Dedicos	140.20
	226233	C. E. Locklin CCC	8.75
		5% Retirement Fund	30.95
		Withholding Tax	125.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1947			$51,861.90

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following bill and request the Comptroller to issue warrant in payment therefor:

Hunt & Salley, Suite 241 Shoreland Bldg.,
Miami 22, Fla.

Retainer re case involving Burlingame Island $2,500.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
February 25, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Joint session with State Board of Education.
R. A. Gray, Secretary of State and
Colin English, Supt. of Public Instruction, present.

Mr. Sinclair Wells called attention to letter received from James M. Owens, Jr., Tax Assessor of Palm Beach County, requesting that he be furnished with a list of lands located in Palm Beach County, sold under contract by the State Board of Education and by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the purpose of taxation. Also letter from the Attorney General was submitted, having

reference to 'Taxation of Sixteenth Section School Lands after Contract for Conveyance, but Prior to Conveyance" in which opinion was given that the lands are subject to taxation after the delivery of such contract and prior to conveyance; that the lands are also subject to annual assessment of Everglades drainage district taxes; that such lands are subject to back assessment under the same rules as are other lands, and as to Everglades drainage district taxes back assessment should only be made under certificates from the board of commissioners as provided in Chapter 14717, acts of 1931.

Upon discussion of the subject it was the opinion of the State Board of Education and of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the lands under contract should not be assessed for taxes prior to conveyance, except such taxes to which State lands are subject while title is in the State.

On behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees oppose any taxation of State lands while title remains in the State, except those assessable by law. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees were also of the opinion that sale of land should be held up pending revision of the contract form under which sales are now being made, and Mr. Julius Parker was requested to revise the land sale contract of the Trustees. It was so ordered.

Mr. Luther Jones, L. L. Stuckey, and J. M. Elliott, representing Richlands, Inc., came before the Trustees with request that an investigation on the ground be made of Pelican Bay lands covered by Lease #18284, with a view toward securing a reduction in the rental on the land. Mr. Jones explained that when the land was lease it was thought to be warm land and it was assumed that normal pumping was all that would be required; that owing to the level of Lake Okeechobee being kept at elevation 14 instead of 17, as was the case when the lease was taken, it required continuous pumping by Richlands.

Mr. Wells reported that the Company was delinquent in payments May 1, 1946 in amount of $23,910.00, under the extension granted November 28, 1944, extending the lease for a period of ten (10) years from March 22, 1945, with annual rental of $25,000.00.

Upon discussion of the request, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that a committee consisting

of members from the Trustees and from the State Board of Education meet at State Farm #2, Belle Glade, Florida, Sunday, March 9, 1947, and make an inspection of the Pelican Bay area. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was agreed that Messrs. Gay and Mayo from the Trustees and Messrs. Gray and English from the School Board make the investigation, in company with Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells.

Governor Caldwell was of the opinion that Richlands should be required to pay up all past due rental before any further arrangements be made.

Joint Session Concluded.

Mr. C. H. Bourke Floyd and a delegation from Apalachicola, Florida, came before the Trustees requesting further consideration with reference to proposed dredging in St. Vincent Sound by Magnolia Petroleum Company. Mr. Floyd explained that the location heretofore selected by the company would go through the finest oyster beds in that area and they did not want that to happen; that in conference with Mr. Elliot another location had been substituted which he felt would be satisfactory.

Mr. Elliot reported that he would approve the recommended change provided the new location could be secured as contemplated.

Without objection the matter was left with Mr. Elliot to work out.

Mr. J. Tom Gurney, representing Coastal Petroleum Company, again presented proposal, heretofore submitted February 14th and 18th, for modification of Oil Leases #224-A, #224-B and #248, executed in favor of Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., which company and leases have been taken over by Coastal Petroleum Company. Mr. Gurney briefly reviewed proposed changes and asked that the Trustees grant the request.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the amendments as discussed and agreed upon by the Trustees, including the deposit in escrow of $250,000.00 guaranteeing the starting of a well by Sept. 1, 1947; and that Mr. Parker be authorized to draw the necessary instruments. Upon vote the motion was adopted with the following vote: Yeas: Messrs. Gay, Larson and Mayo. Nay: Governor Caldwell.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees direct Mr. Parker to handle the depositing of the $250,000.00 in escrow in either of the Tallahassee banks, it being understood that Coastal Petroleum Company will pay all fees and expense of the escrow agreement. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented letter from Thad Carlton, calling on the Trustees to remove Alfred Albritton of Okeechobee, Florida, from land in Glades County which has been sold under Contract #18588 to Pearl and Edna Pearce. It was explained that Mr. Albritton has lived on the property for a number of years, has put a fence around it and refuses to vacate the premises although the Sheriff of that county has given him notice to move.

Upon discussion of the case it was ascertained that any ejectment suit would have to be brought by the contract holder and not by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Special Attorney, Mr. Parker, be requested to advise the Misses Pearce that the Trustees are not in a position to file ejectment suit, the contract of sale having been executed in favor of the Misses Pearce. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $750.00 was presented from Walter S. Hardin for purchase of approximately nine (9) acres of sovereignty land lying between Pickett and Jew Fish Keys in Sections 14 and 15, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County.

Mr. Wells explained that when the sale was held October 16, 1946, the acreage was estimated at three (3) acres and it was understoood that upon a survey being made, if it was found to contain more than three acres, the excess would be paid for at the rate of $150.00 an acre; that a survey has been made and the engineer reports nine (9) acres in the tract. Mr. Hardin differs with the engineer as to acreage, his opinion being there are not in excess of five acres. His offer is based on a price of $150.00 an acre for 5 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees stand by agreement to sell the property at a price of $150.00 an acre according to survey. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney, reported that a suit had been filed, entitled

> Chase Investment Company, a corporation
> Plaintiff
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> vs.
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> City of Orlando, a municipal corporation, L. B. McLeod, et al. composing Orlando Utilities Commission, and Millard F. Caldwell, Governor, et al., composing Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,

the effect of which suit was to prevent operation by the City of Orlando and Orlando Utilities Commission under lease heretofore granted by the Trustees.

Under the terms of the lease, the lessee agreed to defend the Trustees against all claims. Mr. J. Tom Gurney, attorney for the Utilities Commission, was present and stated that his clients would defend the suit on the part of the State, but no action was being taken under the lease pending outcome of certain investigations now being made.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Gurney's clients be requested to defend the Trustees in the suit filed at no cost to said Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. J. Tom Gurney advised the Trustees that his clients would protect the Trustees in the suit at no cost to them and further that nothing would be done under the provisions of the lease until the investigations were completed and the matter again presented to the Trustees.

Application from David Elmer Ward, deferred from the meeting February 14, was again presented with offer of $6.00 an acre for purchase of

> Sections 18, 19, 20, 30; W 1/2 of Section 31 and and E 1/2 of Section 32, Township 46 South, Range 34 East, Containing 3,200 acres in Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids based on offer of $6.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented offer of $1.00 per acre from Katherin M. Waggaman of Sebring, Florida, for five-year grazing lease on the following described land:

> Lots 4, 5, 6, 7; SE 1/4 of NW 1/4; SE 1/4; E 1/2 of SW 1/4 Section 27, Containing 500.33 acres; Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17, Section 28, Containing 362.60 acres;
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> Lots 7 and 14 of Section 33 Containing 20.24 acres;
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> NE 1/4; E 1/2 of SE 1/4; W 1/2 of SE 1/4 and E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 34; Containing 400.00 acres;
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> Lot 1 and E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 34, Containing 131.91 acres.
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> Containing a total of 1415.08 acres, more or less in Township 35 South, Range 31 East, Highlands County.

With the lease, Mrs. Waggaman requested the privilege of planting grass or other grazing crops, and removing fences at the end of the lease period.

Mr. Wells reported that the land described was offered for sale January 21, 1947, and action on the bids received was postponed.

Upon consideration of the offers to purchase from M. A. and Everett Boney, and the offer from Mrs. Waggaman to lease, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees reject bids for sale of the land and authorize five-year grazing lease in favor of Mrs. Waggaman upon payment of $1.00 per acre per annum, with the privilege of planting grass or grazing crops, and permission to remove fences at the expiration of such lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from George S. Brockway of West Palm Beach, Florida, on behalf of Mildred M. Cook and Altha M. Stevens, for purchase of two parcels of land described as:

> Parcel No. 1 containing .066 of an acre and Parcel No. 2 containing .058 of an acre, located in the town of Pahokee and lying between property owned by applicants and the right of way of Florida East Coast railroad, in unsurveyed Section 33, Township 41 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

The State Road Department and the County Engineer for Palm Beach County, being notified of the application, informed the Trustees that there would be no objection to the sale of the two parcels to private individuals.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize sale of the two parcels to applicants at a price of $25.00 for each parcel, or on the basis of $400.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported further with reference to land exchange requested by Hillsboro Plantation, Inc., considered by the Trustees and State Board of Education December 31, 1946, that said company by its Attorney Manley Caldwell had agreed to counter proposal as follows:

> Sections 24, 25, 35, 36 and NE 1/4 and S 1/2 of Section 14, Township 45 South, Range 39 East, owned by the Company
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> In Exchange For
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> Sections 4, 5 and 9, owned by the Trustees, and Section 16, owned by State Board of Education Township 45 South, Range 39 East, Palm Beach County.

Also Hillsboro Plantation Inc., suggested that since the Company owns one-half of the oil and mineral rights in the sections owned by it, which half is now covered by oil lease to Humble Oil and Refining Company, that the Trustees and the School Board reserve one-half the oil and mineral rights in the State land to be exchanged; that the Company assign to the Trustees and the School Board its interest in the Humble Oil and Refining Company's lease covering the lands to be transferred.

Action was deferred for further consideration on the subject of oil and mineral reservations to be carried in the respective deeds of exchange. It was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. Manley Caldwell, on behalf of Hillsboro Plantation, Inc., that the Trustees agree to a second exchange with the Company in order to block up its holdings:

> Section 17, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, owned by the Company, being offered in exchange
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> for
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> Section 19, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Palm Beach County.

The Secretary recommended the exchange as requested, the two sections being of comparable value.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize exchange as requested by Hillsboro Plantation Inc. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that in view of action taken February 4, 1947 in connection with proposed Water Conservation area in Dade and Broward Counties, which contemplated withdrawing certain lands from exchange in connection with Everglades National Park, it would be necessary to substitute other lands. Mr. Elliot recommended that such substitution include all lands held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund located as follows:

> South of Township 46 South, in Ranges 36, 37 and 38 East, West of North New River Canal, and lying North of the proposed Water Conservation Area, the north boundary of which is tentatively fixed as the south boundary of Sections 25 to 30, both inclusive, of Township 49 South, Ranges 37 and 38 East, and the South boundary of Sections 7 to 12, both inclusive, of Township 50 South, Range 36 East.

Also, that all lands heretofore made available for exchange for privately owned lands within Everglades National Park which are within the proposed water conservation area be withdrawn from exchange or sale pending establishment of conservation area.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Elliot as to land to be substituted for exchange, and adopt it as the action of the board. Upon vote the motion was carried.

Mr. Elliot also discussed with the Trustees the matter of land exchanges in connection with reservations for oil and other minerals and in reference to the States right in oil and other minerals in certain deeds heretofore made to the United States, and presented an outline of a suggested bill to be submitted to the legislature.

The general form of the bill as read by Mr. Elliot was approved as indicating that sought to be accomplished.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that said bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Duval	12/11/46	233
Flagler	2/3/47	1
Putnam	2/1/47	1
Sumter	2/10/47	5
Volusia	1/3/47	2
Volusia	2/3/47	27
Clay	2/15/47	4
Dade	1/29/47	53
Hamilton	2/10/47	5
Hernando	2/15/47	4
Lake	2/10/47	13
Levy	1/6/47	1
Martin	12/23/46	14
Marion	11/4/46	2
Nassau	2/17/47	34
Okeechobee	2/17/47	2
Orange	2/3/47	41
Palm Beach	2/7/47	13
Palm Beach	2/7/47	6
Pinellas	12/17/46	4
Pinellas	1/21/47	1
Sarasota	2/13/47	46
Volusia	2/5/47	19

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the list of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for release of State Road reservation in deeds issued conveying Murphy Act land in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Volusia Counties, and information was furnished that the State Road Department had approved releases requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees release road reservations as approved by the State Road Department to the following:

Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #3923 to Harold Taber and Aimee V. Taber, his wife;

Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deed #2729 to C. M. Hunter, Jr.;

Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deed #1019 to H. E. Griffith and Mary C. Griffith, his wife;

Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deeds #2369 & 3375 to Paul S. Stansbury and Margaret G. Stansburgy, his wife;

Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deed # 2671 to Frank Kiebler & Georgianna Kiebler, his wife;

Volusia County Q. C. Deed #1930 to Evelyn D. Carroll.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered executed.

Application was submitted for deed to correct grantee's name in original deed from the Trustees, conveying Alachua County land. Mr. Elliot furnished information that the Attorney General's office had approved issuance of such deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize issuance of

Alachua County Deed #1808-COR. to Douglas Holding Corporation of Gainesville, Florida.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way through land in Okeechobee County designated as follows:

Permanent easement through certain lots in New Okeechobee Heights, Section "C"; lots in New Okeechobee Heights, Granada Circle, lying within 50 feet of the center line of drainage ditch; all Lots 13 to 24, Block 16 and Lots 13 to 24, Block 37, New Okeechobee Heights, Granada Circle.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize permanent easement in favor of the State Road Department through the lands described, to be used in connection with State Road #66(59), Sec. 9109—SRD. #34. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $82.50 was presented from the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, for conveyance of

> Lots 13, 16, 17, 24, 25, Block 11, Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Florida.

Information was furnished that the offer is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the bid for the lots described and authorize conveyance under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, in favor of the City of Punta Gorda. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $37.50 was presented from the City of Miami, Florida, for conveyance of the following described Murphy Act land:

> Lot 53, Lemon City S/D, Plat Book "B" Page 32, Section 18, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Containing approximately 0.11 of an acre in Dade County.

Statement was made that the lot was a part of Northeast 5th Avenue, a city street, and the bid is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer and authoribe issuance of deed under Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $179.62, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, was presented from the City of Bushnell, Florida, for purchase of

> 56 lots in McCutcheon Survey of Bushnell Park and in Winslow S/D of Bushnell, Section 16, Township 21 South, Range 22 East, Sumter County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept offer and authorize issuance of deed under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer to be made for the month of February:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
Transfer to General Revenue.....$50,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
March 4, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General (Present Part Time)
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

The Secretary presented minutes of the Trustees dated January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 1947, for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the minutes of the Trustees of the dates listed be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, reported that in the case of

Murphy Act Subject

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor, et al, as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

-vs-

Donald B. Kemper and Elizabeth B. Kemper, his wife,

Judge E. C. Welch, of the 14th Judicial Circuit, had ruled that the Trustees never had authority to make reservations for oil and minerals in Murphy Act deeds and the case is now being appealed to the Supreme Court; that the Attorney General was associated in the case before Judge Welch and he has now filed a brief in the Supreme Court taking the position that the Trustees have no right to reserve the oil and minerals in Murphy Act deeds.

Mr. Parker was instructed to advise the Court of the position taken by the Trustees in the reservation of oil and mineral rights.

Mr. Watson came into the meeting and explained that prior to the time the Trustees had instructed Mr. Parker to bring the suit for deciding the question of authority of the Trustees to reserve oil and mineral rights in Murphy Act deeds he had recommended that such suit be brought; that he had rendered an opinion in the light of the statutes that the Trustees should impose the reservation in Murphy Act deeds but he always said that he questioned the authority for making such reservations, although he thought the State should take the benefit of them until such time as the question was decided, and that he recommended that such proceedings be brought; that a bill was introduced at the 1945 session of the legislature and passed the house, declaring that there was no authority for said reservations, but the bill was defeated in the Senate; that he came into the suit filed by Mr. Parker as Attorney General representing the State in matters where its financial interests were involved and as counsel of the Trustees; that his office assisted in preparation of the bill but made no argument before the Court and he feels the decision of Judge Welch against the Trustees is right; that in briefing the case for the Supreme Court he is taking the position of what he thinks the law is and that he is representing the people of the State and the Trustees.

Governor Caldwell remarked that at the request of the Attorney General he became associated in the case and it was assumed that the views of the Trustees would be sustained; that since the Attorney General has filed his brief with the Supreme Court taking the opposite position to that assumed to have been taken in the Circuit Court suit, the Trustees want it definitely understood that such brief does not reflect the views of the Trustees as a whole.

Mr. Watson retired from the meeting.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees January 14, 1947, on application from Jesse J. Love with offer of $50.00 an acre for Dade County land, the following notice was published in the Miami Herald on January 25, February 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
January 16th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. March 4th, 1947, for the land in DADE COUNTY, described as follows:

W 1/2 of NW 1/4, Section 14, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, containing 80 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells called attention to existence of Grazing Lease #478 covering the land described, which lease was subject to cancellation upon sale of the property.

Upon the land being called out for sale, no other bids were received, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the offer of $50.00 an acre from Mr. Love be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees January 14, 1947, on application of Calvin Johnson on behalf of Redington Beach Isle, Inc., with offer of $150.00 an acre for Pinellas County land, the following notice was ordered published in the St. Petersburg Times on January 31, February 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
January 17th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. March 4th, 1947, the following described land in PINELLAS COUNTY:

A parcel of sovereignty land in Boca Ceiga Bay East of Government Lot 1, Section 4, Township 31 South, Range 15 East and Government Lot 2, Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, comprising 39.03 acres.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, no objections were filed or presented, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that sale be confirmed in favor of Redington Beach Isle, Inc. at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that on January 14, 1947, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Thad Carlton of Fort Pierce, Florida, on behalf of Di Giorgio Fruit Corporation, for purchase of land in St. Lucie County and agreed to advertise the property for objections only based on bid of $300.00 an acre. Pursuant thereto the following notice was published in the Fort Pierce News-Tribune on February 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 3, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
January 31, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, pursuant to law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. March 4th, 1947, the following described lands in ST. LUCIE COUNTY:

That parcel of submerged bottoms in St. Lucie County, Florida, lying off shore between northerly point of Taylor Creek and south of North Beach Bridge, extending from the shore line of the mainland riverward for an approximate maximum distance 850 feet, containing 22 acres, more or less. (Exact description to be furnished with deed.)

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells explained that applicant had also offered $300.00 an acre for option to purchase an area conveyed to the State Road Department by Deed #19211, containing 2.33 acres in Section 34, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, in the event it should be relinquished by the State Road Department, and in addition had offered $500.00 for the privilege of removing a small island containing 0.16 of an acre in Indian River, created by depositing spoil from maintenance of Intracoastal Waterway channel, the southern extremity of which island is sixty (60) feet north of the township line dividing Townships 34 and 35 South, Range 40 East. The company has agreed to dredge the island away and make no use of it.

The advertisement was called out for receiving objections, if any.

Mr. J. V. Keen, on behalf of Chas. F. Roberts, protested any sale, or agreement to sell the reversionary interest in the parcel heretofore conveyed to the State Road Department by Deed #19211, in the event it should be relinquished by the said department, on the ground that said parcel lies immediately adjacent to and south of the bridge directly in front of property of Chas. F. Roberts.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that based on protest filed by Mr. Keen, on behalf of client, the Trustees decline to accept offer of $300.00 an acre from Di Giorgio Fruit Corporation or to sell the reversionary interest in the parcel conveyed to the State Road Department by Deed #19211, or to give option for purchase in the event the land should revert to the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept offer of $300.00 an acre from Di Giorgio Fruit Corporation for the submerged areas applied for and as agreed upon by the Trustees January 14, 1947, excluding therefrom that part of the land conveyed to the State Road Department by Deed #19211 for right of way purposes; also that the Trustees accept $500.00 for the small island or spoil bank, referred to as containing 0.16 of an acre, with the understanding that said island will be removed by the purchaser. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Chester C. Irving and John E. Young of St. Petersburg, Florida, for reconsideration of their offer of $150.00 an acre for

> Approximately 50 acres of submerged land adjacent to Coon Key, or Government Lot 3, Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, in Boca Ceiga Bay, Pinellas County.

Mr. Wells submitted appraisal from the Field Agent giving a valuation on the land of $150.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees rescind former action and agree to advertise the submerged area for objections only, based on offer of $150.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells submitted request from Smith Engineering Company, that the Trustees amend its shell lease #499

to include inland waterways and other bay areas which the Conservation Department approves as not being detrimental to oyster bars or beds. Present lease provides for minimum payment of $5000.00 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request and authorize included in Lease #499 such other areas applied for as the Conservation Department will approve for dredging shell. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee ,Fla.		$ 50.00
J. Alex Arnette, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Florida		
Everglades Drainage Dist. taxes	$ 775.92	
South Fla. Cons. Dist. taxes	341.88	
South Shore Dr. Dist. taxes	241.67	
Pelican Lake Dr. Dist. taxes	3,882.99	
		5,242.46
TOTAL		$5,292.46

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that all bids were regular, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	1/22/47	16
Broward	2/17/47	82
Citrus	1/27/47	6
Clay	2/22/47	2
Dade	2/12/47	3
Dade	2/12/47	13
DeSoto	2/20/47	1
Dixie	2/24/47	1
Hamilton	7/8/46	1
Holmes	1/4/47	4
Holmes	2/10/47	1
Holmes	2/24/47	1

Indian River	2/24/47	3
Jackson	2/15/47	10
Jackson	2/24/47	7
Marion	12/2/46	5
Polk	1/31/47	4
Seminole	2/17/47	34
Volusia	2/18/47	37

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for issuance of correction deed to Minnie R. Herring covering Duval County land conveyed in Deed #3059, Mr. Elliot informing the Board that the Attorney General's office had approved issuance of such deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of

Duval County Deed #3059-COR. to Minnie R. Herring.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that upon requests from grantees under Murphy Act deeds in Dade, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Putnam and Volusia counties, the State Road Department had recommended release of right of ways requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of the following deeds:

Dade County Q. C. Deed #1392 to Walter J. Evelyn and Maude M. Evelyn, his wife;

Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #781 to Otis L. Tennant;

Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #2149 to Ruby Lee Mobley;

Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #08-Chap. 21684 to H. S. Prince and Grace C. Prince, his wife;

Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deed #3664 to George Ritter and Grace K. Ritter;

Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deed #3792 to Ella R. Smith;

Putnam Co. Q. C. Deed #591 to Elmer Plymel;

Putnam Co. Q. C. Deed #1833 to Thos. J. Butler, Inc.;
Volusia Co. Q. C. Deed #1879 to Daytona Beach Fuel Oil Co., Inc.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered executed.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement through Murphy Act land in Pasco County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department for drainage ditch purposes, as follows:

Through Lots in Block "N" Richey Bay Park, lying within 20 feet each side of the center line of a drainage ditch for State Road #55—Sec. 1403—SRD 256.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Without objection the Trustees approved employment by the Secretary as follows:

Mary Clare Pichard at a salary of $160.00 per month
Evelyn Shaw at a salary of..... 150.00 per month

to fill vacancies caused by resignations of Helen Phillips and W. A. Maddox at salaries of $203.50 and $200.00 per month, respectively.

Mr. Gay presented letter from Jos. D. Farish, Attorney of West Palm Beach, Florida, representing Wm. K. Hartung, requesting that the Trustees decline to allow protest filed by Matthew Fergan to sale held January 10, 1947, at which sale Mr. Hartung was high bidder for the following described land:

E 1/4 (Less SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and that part of E 1/4 within the boundary of Lake Worth Drainage District and less S. A. F. R/W), Section 32, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

It was explained that Mr. Fergan was present and participated in bidding on the property but dropped out and Mr. Hartung made the high bid of $1475.00. Protest was

filed by Mr. Fergan and the required amount—$1630.00—was deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for new advertisement and sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the protest be not allowed and that sale be approved in favor of Mr. Hartung. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Consideration was given to changing the Murphy Act rule with reference to allowance of protest, the rule now in effect being as follows:

> "Protests may be made only by a former owner, heir, lien holder, by a public agency on behalf of a public purpose, or by any citizen who proposes to pay more for the land than the bid protested."

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees rescind the rule now in effect and adopt the original protest rule as follows:

> "Protest may be made only by a former owner, heir, lien holder, or by a public agency on behalf of a public purpose."

Upon vote the motion was carried and it was ordered that the rule as adopted become effective April 1, 1947.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Engineer and Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
March 11, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells presented offer of $5.00 an acre from Ronald Brugh, on behalf of St. Joseph Land & Development Company, for purchase of Bay County land described as:

SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 6 South, Range 12 West, Containing 40 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to accept $5.00 an acre and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided applicant will agree to bid not less than $7.50 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way through state lands in Volusia County, desired in connection with road #A-1-A (140).

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve issuance of deed in favor of the State Road Department covering

Submerged lands, water and fills thereon in Section 8, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, lying within 200 feet each side of the center line of Broadway Bridge, and State Road No. A-1-A (140)—Sec. 7908, across Halifax River, Volusia County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Luther Jones and Mr. L. L. Stuckey, representing Richlands, Inc., holder of Lease #18284, asked for consideration of application for reduction in annual rental. Mr. Jones requested reinstatement of original lease at the original rental price of $10,000.00 annually, agreeing that Richlands will pay immediately one-half of the rental now due with the balance to be paid over a period of time with annual payments, and will also make prompt payment of amount to become due May 1 this year, the latter payment to be at the reduced rate.

Mr. Mayo and Mr. Gay reported briefly on their recent examination of the leased premises and recommended that some reduction be made in rental price, in view of the fact that continuous pumping is required on this land owing to its location and character.

Mr. Mayo further stated that the Trustees planned to make this land available for use of the prison farm, and the lease contained a clause giving the Trustees the right

to cancel for that purpose upon giving six months notice; that the prison farm would not be ready to take over the land before two years and thought it would be safe to give Richlands, Inc. assurance that the Trustees would not take it over before the expiration of that period.

Upon full discussion of the request, after hearing views of the different members, Governor Caldwell agreed that he would be willing to reduce the rent to $10,000.00 annually and give assurance of a minimum of two years' use, provided Richlands, Inc. makes all payments due to and including May 1, 1947.

Mr. Wells inquired whether the Governor intended that the payment due this year be at the reduced rate or the higher rental, to which the Governor replied that payments would be required at the rate of $25,000.00 as now provided in the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees reduce the rent under lease #18284 to $10,000.00 annually, commencing May 1, 1947, and give assurance to Richlands, Inc. of a minimum of two years for its operations before the land would be taken over for the prison farm, conditioned that Richlands, Inc. make payment in full of past due rental and that to become due May, 1947, at the rate of $25,000.00 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Jones stated that he would have to submit the proposal of the Trustees to Richlands, Inc. and advise the Trustees of its decision later. It was so agreed.

Mr. Elliot reported that he had met with Everglades Drainage District on the 10th and had been asked to submit to the Trustees application for right of way for levee, in connection with water conservation area, through lands over which the Trustees have control by direct title, reservation for canal and levee purposes, and Murphy Act lands in Broward County. Mr. Elliot suggested that the usual easement be given for right of way in Ranges 40 and 41 East, between Hilsboro and North New River canals.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize easement for right of way as suggested by Mr. Elliot. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that he had also discussed with Everglades Drainage District the establishment of water

conservation areas and that the District is asking for legislation for validating areas already established and those to be established and operation for all. One proposed bill will authorize the District to exchange land owned by it outside of the area for privately owned land within such area; that in that connection the District is authorizing the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Dade, Broward, Highlands and Palm Beach counties to withhold from sale temporarily all tax reverted lands. The District is asking that the Trustees also withdraw from sale Murphy Act land outside of the proposed areas and give the District opportunity to work out something with the Trustees. Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees not withdraw all the Murphy Act lands in those four counties but that an area be arrived at within which lands held by the Trustees could be withdrawn from sale and made available for exchange with the District.

Without objection, the Trustees authorized Mr. Elliot to work out a recommendation and reach an agreement with the District with a view to reserving lands in the immediate vicinity of the proposed areas, but leave other lands open for sale. It was agreed.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Dade	2/12/47	1
Flagler	3/3/47	5
Hamilton	2/22/47	3
Hillsborough	2/24/47	17
Putnam	3/1/47	6
Palm Beach	1/10/47	1
Pasco	3/3/47	12
Sarasota	2/13/47	1
Suwannee	2/10/47	1
Taylor	2/7/47	2
Washington	3/5/47	6

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for correction deed in favor of C. H. Nelson, Jr., and J. W. Bullock, directors of North American Realty Company, dissolved, original deed having erroneously given grantee's names. The Attorney General's office approved correction requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of

> Dade County Deed No. 3712-EDDJ-COR. to C. H. Nelson, Jr. and J. W. Bullock.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented for release of State road right of ways in deeds under the Murphy Act. Information was furnished that the State Road Department had recommended releases as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize issuance of the following deeds releasing the reservation in each as recommended by the State Road Department:

> Broward Co. Q. C. Deed #1481 to William Fowler & Olivia Fowler;
> Duval Co. Q. C. Deed #992 to McElres Tuttle;
> Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deed #2950 to George H. Gill & Hazel M. Gill;
> Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deed #2795 to Geo. W. James;
> Putnam Co. Q. C. Deed #205 to William M. Dunson & Mary Dunson

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land in Charlotte County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute easement as requested through the following parcels:

> All Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 3 Lastinger's Addition to Charlotte Harbor, and Part Lot 5, Block 5, Sibley's Central Addition to Charlotte Harbor, containing a total of 270 square feet; to be used in connection with State Road #45 (5)—Sec. 0101—SRD. #52.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $107.50 was presented from Punta Gorda, Florida, for purchase of All Block 129, Punta Gorda, Charlotte County. Mr. Elliot reported that the amount offered was equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value of the block, and recommended conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept offer from City of Punta Gorda and authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from City of Palmetto with offer of $23.00 for twenty-three lots in Manatee County located in

Blocks E, F, G and H, Main Street Sub. of Section 14, Township 34 South, Range 17 East.

to be deeded to the School Board for school purposes.

Information was furnished that one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value of the land was $605.00 and it was recommended that conveyance be made at that price under provisions of Chapter 21684.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $23.00 for the lots and make counter proposal to issue deed under Chapter 21684 upon payment of $605.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
March 18, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. W. F. Parker of Miami, Florida, was present and offered $50.0 an acre for the following described land, title to which vested in the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under the provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931:

> SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 49 South, Range 41 East, Containing 40 acres in Broward County.

Mr. Elliot recommended that sale be made at that price as it was in line with prices in that locality.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Parker for the parcel described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented notice of land advertised to be sold this date, subject to objections only, based on application presented to the Trustees January 28, 1947, from Charles J. Holland, on behalf of Lorotto, Inc., with offer of $235.00. Pursuant to such application the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on February 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
February 3rd, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. March 18th, 1947, for land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

> A parcel of sovereignty land lying between the Intracoastal Waterway and State Road No. 40, in the South 200 feet of the North 2250 feet of Section 4, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, comprising .47 of an acre, more or less.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, no objections were presented; whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that sale be confirmed in favor of Lorotto, Inc. at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from L. R. Rainey of Monticello, Florida, for twelve months extension on timber Lease #267 which expired March 14, 1947. Lease provided for removing timber from State land bordering Lake Miccosukee for which lessee agreed to pay $6.00 per thousand.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to extend the lease for one year from expiration date upon payment of $12.00 per thousand feet for timber removed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from C. Arthur Peters for ten year lease on

1 Acre parcel lying on the Southeast side of East Arsnicker Key in Section 24, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, Dade County,

to be used as a fishing camp site, and for which lease he offers $50.00 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize ten-year lease in favor of Mr. Peters covering the parcel described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from V. L. Barothy and J. R. Shields, lessees of Lease #470, for division of the area with the understanding that each of the parties named be granted a separate lease under all the conditions set up in original lease. V. L. Barothy requests that upon issuance of the separate leases permission be granted for assignment of his lease to the Anchorage, Inc., a Florida corporation.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the request be granted and separate leases be executed to the respective parties. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented letter from David B. Hull of St. Petersburg, Florida, entering protest for himself and on behalf of two hundred other property owners, Fishermen's Cooperative Association and Gulf Coast District Fishermen's Union, to operations of Leonard B. Schwarcz in constructing a fill in Blind Pass, Boca Ceiga Bay in front of his property described as

Lots 8, 9, 10, Herrons S/D #5;
Lot 11, Herrons S/D #6;

Bay Plaza, Sunset Beach, Pinellas County, Florida.

Information was furnished that Mr. Schwarcz is filling his lots out into the channel 125 feet and parties protesting claim that such operations will materially interfere with the channel and cause damage to adjoining property; also that no permit has been granted by the War Department for this work according to advice from the U. S. Engineer Office at Tampa, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that Mr. Wells file protest with the War Department to the dredging operations referred to in letter from Mr. Hull and ask that investigation be made by the U. S. Engineer Office. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of $25.00 from Mrs. A. R. Parker of West Palm Beach, Florida, for purchase of the following described parcel of land, title to which vested in the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931:

210 feet X 210 feet in SE 1/4 of Section 1, Township 40 South, Range 38 East, Martin County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer from Mrs. Parker and authorize issuance of deed conveying the parcel described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following items and authorize the Comptroller to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 425.00
M. O. Barco, Sec. Clerk, Land & Records	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec. Clerk, Records & Minutes	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull	400.00
Julius F. Parker	53.22

Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
Tallahassee, Florida

To Principal of State School Fund under Section 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941	3,346.43
Treasurer of The United States Washington, D. C.	1,128.47
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	5.50
Western Union Telegraph Company, Tallahassee	4.50
Bulkley-Newman Printing Company, Tallahassee	15.00
Parker & Foster, Tallahassee, Florida	62.72
Parker, Foster & Wigginton, Tallahassee	92.66
The H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville	41.38
Hon. C. M. Gay, Comptroller, Tallahassee	32.81
TOTAL	$7,370.69

Financial Statements for the month of February are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of February 1, 1947		$892,488.10
Recepits for the month		
Land Sales	$9,799.74	
Refund of Taxes	1,434.55	
Interest	12.20	
Sale of Trustees' Minutes	2.00	
Campsite Lease	10.00	
Fill Material	32.50	
Grazing Leases	258.00	
Timber Leases	1,411.53	
Mineral Leases	50.00	

Miscellaneous Lease	25.00	
Sand & Shell Leases	2,543.35	
Total Receipts for the month of February, 1947		$ 15,578.87
TOTAL		908,066.97
Less Disbursements for the month of February, 1947		26,960.38
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1947		$881,106.59

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1947

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
2-18-47	238931	Cyril Baldwin	$ 274.50
	238932	J. Edwin Larson, S T— Transfer to Prin. State School Fund	18,047.18
2-19-47	240000	J. Edwin Larson, S T— Transfer to General Revenue	2,744.85
	241291	Mrs. Bessie Alderman T C	221.99
2-20-47	243198	E. F. Sarjeant	300.00
2-28-48	256358	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	256359	M. O. Barco	145.50
	256360	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	256361	J. B. Lee	19.00
	256362	W. B. Granger	47.50
	256363	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
	256364	A. C. Bridges	259.65
	256365	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	256366	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	256367	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
	258987	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	11.75
	258988	Hunt & Salley	2,500.00
	258989	Earnest Overstreet T C	272.11
		5% Retirement Fund	51.00
		Withholding Tax	385.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1947			$26,960.38

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of February 1, 1947	$61,159.89
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1947	$61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of February 1, 1947	$7,330.00
Receipts for the month	-0-
Disbursements for the month	4,087.83
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1947	$3,242.17

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of February 1, 1947	$118,427.49
Receipts for the month	29,269.65
TOTAL	147,697.14
Less Disbursements for the month	51,556.55
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1947	$ 96,140.59

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
2-6-47	230355	Ira D. Todd	$ 125.00
2-20-47	241813	Nick & Oneil Shannon	25.00
2-28-47	252451	Ernest Hewitt	261.20
	252452	Helen Phillips	118.55
	252453	J. R. Roberts	182.30
	252454	M. O. Barco	23.75
	252455	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	252456	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	252457	Bonnie G. Shelfer	136.25
	252458	Elizabeth M. Goode	144.45
	252459	Walter A. Maddox	181.30
	252460	Vivian A. Dedicos	140.20
	257998	J. Edwin Larson S T—Transfer to General Revenue	50,000.00
		5% Retirement Fund	30.95
		Withholding Tax	112.10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1947			$51,556.55

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that said bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Brevard	2/18/47	115
Clay	3/8/47	1
Dade	2/26/47	14
Duval	11/6/46	6
Escambia	3/7/47	5
Gadsden	3/3/47	1
Gadsden	3/10/47	1
Glades	2/25/47	7
Jefferson	2/10/47	5
Lake	3/10/47	20
Lafayette	3/11/47	1
Marion	1/6/47	4
Marion	2/3/47	8
Manatee	3/3/47	15
Monroe	2/3/47	204
Orange	3/3/47	10
Polk	2/28/47	26
Santa Rosa	3/3/47	6
Santa Rosa	3/3/47	7
Sarasota	3/10/47	31
St. Johns	2/14/47	6
Volusia	3/3/47	14

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented four applications for release of State road reservations in deeds heretofore issued conveying land in Broward, Hillsborough, Pinellas and Polk counties, all of which have been approved for release by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of the following deeds for releasing the reservation in each as approved by the State Road Department:

Broward County Q. C. Deed #1787 to George A. Hoeffler and Clara L. Hoeffler;
Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #4309 to Loca E. Papy;
Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deed #2210 to George H. Gill and Hazel M. Gill;
Polk County Q. C. Deed #2319 to Mrs. Agnes G. Smith.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Petition was presented from the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, that the Trustees cancel that part of Murphy Act sale held March 3, 1947, in so far as it applied to the following described parcel:

> West 11.75 acres of S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County.

Information was furnished that the City purchased the land in 1936 but failed and neglected to redeem an outstanding tax sale certificate and the property came to the State under the Murphy Act; that J. W. Whitice and W. C. Baggett applied to purchase the land and were high bidders at sale—$99.00; that the City protested the sale and deposited with the Clerk the amount required but now asks that new sale be not held and that the March 3rd sale be cancelled in order that the City may deal with the Trustees for purchase of the parcel. It was also explained that the parcel in question adjoins the property on which the City water plant is located, was originally acquired for use by the Water Department, has the only road leading to the water works plant located thereon, two water mains lie on the land, is used as a spoil area and a system of drainage ditches has been dug on the property. For the foregoing reasons the City desires to regain title.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree as follows: That pursuant to protest by the City of Fort Pierce, new notice be published, including therein provision for right of way fifteen (15) feet wide for each of two water mains owned by the City, together with right of way twenty (20) feet wide for existing passage-way and for each drainage ditch constructed by the City through said property; that upon information from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, reporting result of protested sale, that the City was not the high bidder the Trustees will decline to accept high bid and authorize issuance of deed under Chapter 21684 in favor of the City of Fort Pierce upon payment of amount equal to high bid at sale plus $10.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries and authorize the Comptroller to issue warrants in paymet therefor:

UNDER CHATER 18296

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 286.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec. Clerk, Land & Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec. Clerk, Minutes & Records	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	165.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk	175.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	150.00
Mary C. Pichard, Clerk, Stenographer	149.68
Evelyn C. Shaw, Clerk	140.32
TOTAL	$1,373.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
March 25, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer-Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Application was presented from F. H. Woodruff, with offer of $247.41 for purchase of

SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 42 South, Range 30 East, Containing 40 acres in Glades County.

Mr. Elliot explained that title to this land came to the Trustees under settlement with Everglades Drainage District—tax sale certificate of 1926; that Mr. Woodruff purchased the land in 1925 and has been paying taxes thereon

since that date; that the offer is equal to amount the Trustees have in the parcel, and it is recommended that he be allowed to purchase at the price offered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Woodruff and authorize issuance of deed conveying the property described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Ralph Milliken, representing the Estate of Wm. H. Hill, that the Trustees convey a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ceiga Bay adjoining property of applicant in Government Lot 3, Section 23, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, together with permit to take material from an adjoining area with which to fill the submerged parcel. Request was also made that the Trustees withdraw protest to War Department Permit #4234 for filling.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to sell not in excess of one (1) acre of submerged land at a price of $200.00 with permission to fill the parcel from a submerged area adjacent thereto, and also that protest to war department permit be withdrawn. All descriptions are to be approved by Mr. Elliot and the land advertised for objections only as provided by law. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Joint Session—State Board of Education and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Mr. Wells orally presented request from Florida Ramie Products, Inc.—Mr. Willis G. Waldo, Vice-President—for extension of time within which to make payment on Trustees Contract #18986—$3,259.64—due November 18, 1946, and State Board of Education Contract #4272—$514.25 due November 11, 1946, Palm Beach County land.

After consideration of the request, Mr. Larson, for the Trustees, made the motion that extension be granted on the November 1946 payment and the May 1947 payment through the month of May, with interest at 6% on the deferred payments. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gay and upon vote adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, on behalf of the State Board of Education, that payment due November 11, 1946, on Contract #4272 be deferred for a like period allowed on

Trustees' contract and under the same conditions. Motion seconded by Mr. Gray and upon vote adopted.

Joint Session concluded.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following bill be approved and that the Comptroller be authorized to issue warrant in payment therefor:

K. L. Worth, Okeechobee, Florida
Reimbursement of amount paid on grazing lease
(Land not owned by State) $10.00

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that said bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked, and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	2/19/47	16
Charlotte	2/15/47	5
Columbia	3/17/47	3
Dade	3/12/47	9
DeSoto	3/18/47	2
Duval	1/16/47	116
Indian River	3/17/47	14
Leon	3/3/47	6
Madison	3/17/47	1
Martin	2/15/47	38
Monroe	3/12/47	82
Nassau	3/17/47	4
Okeechobee	3/17/47	2
Palm Beach	3/14/47	37
Palm Beach	3/14/47	5
Putnam	3/1/47	1
Seminole	3/17/47	15
St. Lucie	3/3/47	46

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the bids and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted .

Request was presented from Marvin R. Kohn for deed to correct description contained in Duval County Deed #3605, together with information that the Attorney General's office has approved issuance of such deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize execution of Duval County Deed #3605-COR. to Marvin R. Kohn. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Civil Aeronautics Administration to lease for aviation purposes 13.26 acres of land in Section 12, Township 57 South, Range 38 East—Dade County. Offer submitted was $1.00 annually with renewal clause till 1957. Mr. Elliot explained that this tract was formerly leased to the Federal Government as a radio range but was released sometime ago. Since said release 3.26 acres have been sold into private ownership.

Upon consideration of the request, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline to grant lease upon payment of $1.00 annually and make counter proposal to authorize lease of the area comprising ten (10) acres at a yearly rental of $50.00 or, in lieu thereof, that the land be sold to Civil Aeronautics Administration under Chapter 21684 at a price of $50.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Consideration was given to application from Dade County Board of Public Instruction for purchase of a lot desired for use in connection with Andrew Jackson School—Allapattah school site—for which the board made an offer of $15.00, or one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer for

> Lot 11, Block 2—Oce Alla Heights Section 22, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, Dade County,

and authorize conveyance by dedication under Chapter 21684, for school purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from City of Palmetto that the Trustees reconsider action taken March 11, declining to accept $23.00 for twenty-three lots in Manatee County to be conveyed for school purposes.

Upon consideration of the parcels already deeded to Manattee County and the City of Palmetto, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline to reduce the price, but that the City be permitted to purchase at one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value any part of the tract, provided selection be made in a composite body, allowing sixty (60) days within which to acquire all lots desired, subject to prior sale. Conveyance is to be made under Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District that the Trustees convey to the District 246 lots and two parcels of acreage—estimated total of 98.02 acres—at a price of fifty cents (50c) an acre. Statement was made that the following designated tracts were omitted when agreement was reached in 1945 to acquire other lots in said District:

> Lots in Crescent Park, P. B. 17, Page 20; Spitler Park, Eden Park and Winter Park lots, and 51 acres in Sections 15 and 16, Township 30 South, Range 18 East, Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to convey the land at the price offered and make counter proposal to accept $1.00 per acre, with cnoveyance to be under Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
April 1, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Minutes of the Trustees dated February 11, 14, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1947, be approved as presented, copies having been furnished each member. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. W. H. McKinney appeared before the Trustees with reference to validity of Murphy Act deed issued to him covering the following described land:

> 120 acres in Section 3, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Citrus County,

for which he paid $60.00 at regular sale.

Mr. Wells explained that title to this land never passed out of the State; that it was illegally assessed and sold for taxes, resulting in its being erroneously certified to the State under Chapter 18296—the Murphy Act—and subsequently deeded to Mr. McKinney. Some time after issuance of the Murphy Act deed application was made to purchase the property, advertisement was run and sale held by the Trustees at regular meeting. At the sale Mr. McKinney was present and, although he was assured that he would be given credit on the purchase price of amount he paid for Murphy Act deed, he refused to bid and the land was sold to G. D. Bridges, Sr., at a price of $10.00 an acre—Deed #19148 issued.

Mr. McKinney informed the board that he did not feel that he should be required to quit claim title back to the Trustees and receive refund only of amount he had paid; that values had advanced since he bought the land, that he had paid taxes each year, and he needed it for his pasture. It was explained to him that the Trustees had no authority to do anything other than refund amount paid, and that would be done; that the land was erroneously assessed by the tax assessor of the county in which it was located, was erroneously sold for taxes and erroneously certified to the Trustees as coming under the Murphy Act.

Mr. McKinney replied that he would leave the $60.00 with the Trustees and see if something better could not be worked out. No further action taken.

Offer of $50.00 an acre was submitted from A. A. Beck of Moore Haven, Florida, for purchase of

> Approximately 13 or 14 acres of land in Section 18, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Beck and make counter proposal to accept $100.00 an acre subject to advertisement. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from E. Harris Drew, West Palm Beach, Florida, on behalf of John R. DuBois, offering $100.00 an acre for

> Approximately 6 acres of land in Sections 31 and 32, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County,

lying adjacent to his upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, to decline offer from Mr. Dubois and make counter proposal to advertise the property for objections only, provided he will agree to bid not less than $250.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $1000.00 was presented from R. C. Farnam of Moore Haven, Florida, for ten-year general lease with renewal option on a tract of land described as:

> Parcel 7-2-S—(Caloosahatchee River and Lake Okeechobee Drainage Area) in Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Containing 1.5 acres in Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer and approve issuance of ten-year lease, with option to renew upon terms and conditions to be agreed upon, subject to easement and commitment for deed in favor of the United States. Upon vote th motion was adopted.

Consideration was given to compromise offer of settlement in connection with Lease #18284 issued to Richlands, Inc. Mr. Wells reported that he had received check from Richlands in amount of $12,433.20 with proposal as follows: That $23,910.00 due May 1, 1946; $23,910.00 to become due May 1, 1947, together with eight years rental on the reduced basis of $10,000.00 annually, be divided into ten (10) equal annual payments, to be made May 1 of each year.

The Trustees were not agreeable to this plan in view of action taken March 11, 1947, giving assurance that the Trustees would not exercise its cancellation rights for a period of two years from May 1, 1947. Counter proposal was suggested, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo that final action of the Trustees is that Richlands, Inc., be allowed to make payments as follows: That the total of the two payments at $23,910.00 each plus two year's rental at $10,000.00 annualy—$67,820.00—be divided into four (4) equal annual payments.

To be paid at once—	$16,955.00
May 1, 1947—	$16,955.00
May 1, 1948—	$16,955.00
May 1, 1949—	$16,955.00

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from John Tiedtke, Shawnee Farms, Clewiston, Florida, for himself and on behalf of his mother, Mamie Tiedtke, with offer of $35.00 an acre for the following described land:

For John Tiedtke: That part of Section 30, Township 42 South, Range 34 East, lying East of the meander line and West of Everglades Drainage District levee and United States Okeechobee levee, Glades County:

For Mamie Tiedtke: That part of Section 31, Township 42 South, Range 34 East, lying East of the meander line and West of Everglades Drainage Levee and that part of Section 32, Township 42 South, Range 34 East, lying West of Everglades Drainage District levee, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline to sell at the price offered and that counter proposal be made to advertise the land for competitive bids provided applicants will agree to bid not less than $100.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that oil lease #168 dated April 1, 1941, held by Cracker Oil Company, covering lands in Dade County, was delinquent and that action taken last year was that no further extensions would be granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that lease #168 be cancelled according to the terms thereof. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that Grazing Lease #149 issued to L. Maxcy of Frostproof, Florida, covering 444.56 acres of State land in Martin County, expired some months ago and since that time Mr. Maxcy has been paying rental regularly on the same basis—twenty-five cents (25c) an acre. It was recommended that the rent be increased to fifty cents (50c) an acre in line with recent appraisal.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize renewal of the lease on a yearly basis upon payment of fifty cents (50c) an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of fifty cents (50c) an acre annually was presented from G. A. DeVane of Lake Placid, Florida, for three-year grazing lease on the following described land:

E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 11;
E 1/2 and E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 14;
W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 23;
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 26, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, Containing 630 acres in Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance of lease for a period of three years. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Cummer Sons Cypress Company of Jacksonville, Florida, that the Trustees cancel Timber Lease #464, dated June 1, 1946, running for a period of five (5) years and providing for salvage of deadhead timber from Suwannee River. Information furnished was that the Company has found it too expensive to remove the logs.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize cancellation of Lease #464, the $500.00 cash payment to be forfeited by the company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from George Mellor of St. Petersburg, Florida, with offer of $150.00 for

> 0.60 of an acre, lying and being in Government Lot 3, Section 15, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, on Treasure Island, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land for objections only based on offer from Mr. Mellor. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented a proposed bill by Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District creating a tax zone of lake bottom lands between the Lake meander and the U. S. Levee. Provisions of the bill were discussed and the Trustees were opposed to the bill as now drawn.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Everglades Drainage District be advised that the Trustees are not agreeable to the proposed legislation. It was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot called attention to a tax situation involving land held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and by the State Board of Education. It was explained that under an opinion of the Attorney General lands of the Trustees and of the School Board, now under purchase contract for sale, might be subject to taxes the same as if title had been conveyed out of the State and that the enforcement of collection of such taxes might place the title in jeopardy while still in the State. It was suggested that the legislature be requested to pass an act exempting such lands from taxes, except such taxes as would be applicable to State land not under purchase contract.

The Trustees approved the suggestion of Mr. Elliot and directed that a bill be drawn to cover the subject as outlined. Without objection it was so ordered.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	3/19/47	10
Bay	3/22/47	8
Broward	7/15/46	2
Broward	12/16/46	1
Broward	2/17/47	2
Broward	3/17/47	31
Clay	3/22/47	3
Dade	3/19/47	14
Highlands	3/24/47	1
Hillsborough	3/24/47	50
Osceola	10/21/46	28
Osceola	12/23/46	23
Osceola	3/17/47	56
St. Lucie	3/3/47	1
Wakulla	7/24/46	2

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for correction deed in favor of A. H. Russellot, original Orange County Deed #1497 having given erroneous description. Information was furnished that the Attorney General's office had approved issuance of corection deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees issue Orange County Deed #1497-COR. to A. H. Russellot for correcting erroneous description in original deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Three applications were presented for release of State Road reservations in deeds heretofore issued covering land in Brevard, Dade and Palm Beach Counties. The Secretary reported approval by the State Road Department of releases requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize issuance of the following deeds as approved by the State Road Department:

Brevard County Q. C. Deed #196 to Vernon C. Fry
Dade County Q. C. Deed #645 to Robinson Realty Investment Co.
Palm Beach Co. Q. C. Deed #2359 to Anniston Company, Inc.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $185.00 was submitted from City of Punta Gorda for purchase of Charlotte County land described as:

All West of land line, less 1 acre in NE corner of Block 69—Punta Gorda;
All East of land line, less part 1 acre in NE corner of Block 69, Punta Gorda.

Amount offered being equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustes authorize sale of the parcels at the price offered, with conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from City of Lakeland with offer of $5.00 for purchase of Polk County land described as:

Lot 2, Block "B" Kings Place, 1st Add. Section 25, Township 28 South, Range 23 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer, which is in excess of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, and authorize conveyance under provisions of Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from Volusia County for conveyance of

Lots 83 and 84, Orange Blossom Park, Town of Blake, Section 41, Township 15 South, Range 33 East,

for which the County offered $15.00, or one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer from Volusia County and convey title to the lots under provisions of Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot called attention to a proposed bill to be introduced at the coming session of the legislature having reference to tax records of Liberty County, Florida, the Courthouse and records of said county having been destroyed by fire in 1940. Mr. Elliot recommended that a bill be prepared providing for cancellation of certain State and County tax liens in Liberty County, for reconstructing and restoring tax records and providing for sale of land, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937. The interest of the Trustees in such bill arises out of its effect upon Murphy Act lands with reference to which certain duties are imposed upon said Trustees by law.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve presenting such bill as suggested by Mr. Elliot for consideration by the Legislature. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Attorney General J. Tom Watson, calling attention to discrepancies shown by the State Auditor in the accounts of W. A. Williams, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, acting as Agent for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Comptroller Gay reported that he had gone into the audit very carefully with the State Auditor and found there was some misunderstanding as to the Murphy Act accounts and the Clerk's accounts and he felt the matter would be properly adjusted.

Mr. Elliot informed the board that the deficit reported was not in the Murphy Act accounts; that the Putnam County records had been carefully checked against the records in his office and there was actually due a refund to the Clerk.

The Secretary reported, as information, that notice of cancellation had been received from the United States of Lease No. W-2287-eng-15145, covering Gadsden County land used in connection with Auxiliary Airport #3, Faceville, Georgia, to become effective April 29, 1947.

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer to General Revenue of funds from Chapter 18296 received during March 1947:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue.....$50,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
April 15, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Pursuant to application from Thomas L. Glenn of Sarasota, Florida, with offer of $10.00 and $12.00 an acre for land in Sarasota County, the following notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on March 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 4, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 15, 1947, for the land in Sarasota County, described as follows:

E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 17, Township 39 South, Range 20 East;

W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, W 1/2 of SE 1/4 and S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 31 and NE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 39 South, Range 21 East, less R/W of Road,

containing 402.44 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, the only bids received were from Mr. Glenn as follows:

$10.00 an acre for land in Sections 31 and 32, and
$12.00 an acre for land in Section 17

described in the foregoing notice.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the offers from Mr. Glenn be accepted for the land advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Glenn later requested that conveyance be made without reservations for mineral and oil rights, but the Trustees advised him that they were without authority to grant his request.

Pursuant to application from St. Joseph Land & Development Company, with offer of $10.00 an acre, the Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids and the following notice was published in the Port St. Joe Star on March 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 4, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for com-

petitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 15, 1947, for the land in Gulf County, described as follows:

Lots 1, 2, 3 and W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 9 West, containing 198.11 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Eliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, the only bid received was $10.00 an acre from St. Joseph Land & Development Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of St. Joseph Land & Development Company at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from C. S. Cornelius with offer of $30.00 an acre for the following described land:

151.77 acres in Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Mr. Wells explained that the land was now under Grazing Lease #394 held by Mr. Cornelius and in the event the Trustees declined to sell he would like to renew his lease which expires in April.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer of $30.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of seven and one-half cents (7½c) per cubic yard, with guaranteed minimum monthly royalty of $25.00, was presented from Robert M. Brown of Tampa, Florida, for

permit to remove shell for road base material from an area in Tampa Bay, Old Tampa Bay and Pathlachascotee River, in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize shell lease in favor of Mr. Brown at the price offered, lease to be for a period of three (3) years from February, 1947, with usual conditions provided in similar leases. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from A. L. Pfau, Jr., on behalf of Leonard B. Schwarcz, with offer of $300.00 an acre for purchase of land adjacent to his upland property, said parcel being designated as:

> 0.47 of an acre lying and being in Government Lot 3, Section 25, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer from Mr. Schwarcz. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented request from Tom Conely, Jr., on behalf of Roy Edwards, that the Trustees allow cancellation of Contract #19099 involving Okeechobee County land for the reason that purchaser is unable to continue payments, nothing having been paid on the land since the cash payment of $1,421.86.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the contract be cancelled. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for easement to correct a former easement granted in September 1941.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department covering a parcel designated as follows:

> Land in Township 44 South, Range 22 East, Lee County, lying within 150 feet of the survey line of existing State Road #767.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department that the Trustees convey the following described area:

> That portion of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 30 East, Volusia and Seminole counties, lying between the north and south traverse lines of Lake Monroe and/or the St. Johns River, which lies within 200 feet to the westerly of and 250 feet to the easterly of the center line of the pavement on State Road #15(3).

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel applied for by the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from George W. Smith, on behalf of Louis R. Lee, offering $95.00 for the purchase of Pinellas County land designated as

> Submerged land adjacent to Lot 11, Jennie Cates S/D of Section 9, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Containing approximately 1 acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay that the Trustees decline offer from applicant and make counter proposal to advertise the land for objections provided Mr. Lee will agree to bid $250.00 for the parcel on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Jack O. Johnson, on behalf of the Town of South Bay, that the Trustees exchange a parcel of land in Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, containing 2 acres, conveyed in Deed #19224, for another parcel lying adjacent thereto and identified as Area "B" on Plat of Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 36 East. Mr. Wells recommended that the exchange be allowed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that approval be given for the exchange requested conditioned upon the town of South Bay reconveying to the Trustees the parcel in Section 10, free of all liens and encumbrances. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Proposal was submitted from Robert King, purchaser of three small islands in Lee County, located in Section 4, Township 46 South, Range 23 East, containing 8.05 acres,

that the Trustees release from Mortgage #17448 Islands #1 and #2 comprising 3.66 acres upon reconveyance to the Trustees of the other island comprising 4.39 acres.

Information was furnished that the islands were purchased January 12, 1926 with a cash payment of $1081.86 made at the time. No other payments have been made except a small amount of interest.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to accept the settlement requested by Mr. King and make counter proposal to release Island #2 from the mortgage upon reconveyance to the Trustees of the remainder of the property, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from East Shore Drainage District for right of way easement across the

S 1/2 of Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Wells explained that this land had recently come to the Trustees through exchange with the State Board of Education.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement for canals through the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that protests had been received to dredging for shell from Escambia Bay by Smith Engineering & Construction Company, under its Lease #449 dated September 19, 1946, and that the Company is requesting that the Trustees have the area surveyed in order to determine where shell may be removed.

Upon discussion of the subject, the Trustees were not agreeable to having survey made, whereupon Mr. Wells was directed to suggest to lessee that areas be selected for dredging and that the Conservation Department be requested to examine such localities and if approved by such department that the Company proceed with dredging operations. It was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot called attention to balance remaining in the Petroleum Oil and/or Gas Exploration Fund under the provisions of Chapter 20667, Acts of 1941, suggesting that

the Legislature be asked to pass an act authorizing transfer of such fund to the regular account of the Trustees and to repeal said Chapter 20667.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the suggestion of Mr. Elliot be approved and that he submit a proposed bill to the legislature for consideration at this session, asking for transfer of the remainder of said fund and the repealing of the Act, all the provisions of Chapter 20667 having been accomplished and completed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot also called attention to the language in Chapter 22824, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945, which prohibits State boards, departments and agencies from executing oil and gas leases containing more than ten thousand acres of land in any one lease. He explained that this limitation had handicapped the State in making leases as very few companies would take leases on such small areas.

Governor Caldwell suggested that a bill be presented to the legislature curing that part of the law by leaving the amount of acreage to the discretion of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the suggestion of the Governor be carried out and that a bill be prepared and submitted to the legislature. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts and other items be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 425.00
M. O. Barco, Sec. Clerk, Land & Records	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec. Clerk, Records & Minutes	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull, Attorney	400.00

Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer

Tallahasee, Florida
To Principal of State School Fund
under Section 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941 ..... 14,962.46

Treasurer of the United States Washington, D. C. For cost of work performed by the U. S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the Trustees I. I. Fund	412.30
F. C. Elliot Expenses incurred on trip to Prison Farm #2	24.73
Ernest W. Welch, Assistant Attorney General Expense Account	23.25
T. T. Turnbull, Tallahassee, Florida Expense Account	9.06
C. M. Gay, Comptroller For travel vouchers	12.95
Bessie Alderman, Tax Collector Okeechobee, Fla. Everglades Drainage District Taxes	15.38
Capital Office Equipment Company Tallahassee, Florida	6.35
The H. & W. B. Drew Company Jacksonville 1, Florida	31.20
Burroughs Adding Machine Company Atlanta, Georgia	2.51
Sebring American Sebring, Florida	14.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster Tallahassee, Florida	15.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida 2% of total collections for quarter ending March 31, 1947	3,244.01
TOTAL	$21,361.20

Financial Statements for the month of March are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of March 1, 1947		$881,106.59
Receipts for the Month		
Land Sales	$26,265.91	
Land Sales—Chapter 14717—		
Broward County $1,991.45		
Martin County 35.00		
Glades County 247.41	2,273.86	
Tax Refunds	2,525.43	
Interest	337.96	
Farm Leases	2,588.95	

Grazing Leases	484.35	
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases	4,169.04	
Miscellaneous Leases	51.46	
Timber Leases	1,714.60	
Mineral Leases	237.50	
Oil Lease	27,048.00	
Fishing Campsite	100.00	
Sale of Minutes	1.50	
Total Receipts for the Month of March, 1947	67,798.56	67,798.56
TOTAL		948,905.15
Less Disbursements for the Month of March, 1947		11,539.97
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1947		937,365.18

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
3-5-47	262629	Southeastern Telephone Co.	$ 5.50
	262630	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.95
	262631	H. & W. B. Drew Company	9.70
3-8-47	266058	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
	266059	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	5,242.46
3-20-47	280964	Julius F. Parker	53.22
3-22-47	283538	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	32.81
	284312	State Treasurer—Transfer to Principal School Fund	3,346.43
3-31-47	297150	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	297151	M. O. Barco	145.50
	297152	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	297153	J. B. Lee	19.00
	297154	W. B. Granger	47.50
	297155	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
	297156	A. C. Bridges	259.65
	297157	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	297158	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	297159	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
	300415	K. L. Worth	10.00
	303666	Southeastern Telephone Company	5.50
	303667	Western Union Telegraph Company	4.50
	303668	Bulkley-Newman Printing Company	15.00
	303669	Parker & Foster	40.86
	303670	Parker, Foster & Wigginton	92.66

303671	The H. & W. B. Drew Company	41.38
	5% Retirement Fund	51.00
	Withholding Tax	385.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1947		$11,539.97

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of March 1, 1947	$61,159.89
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1947	$61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of March 1, 1947	$3,242.17
Receipts for the month	-0-
Disbursements for the month	1,128.47
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1947	$2,113.70

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of March 1, 1947	$ 96,140.59
Receipts for the Month	47,215.10
TOTAL	143,355.69
Less Disbursements for the Month	51,661.06
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1947	91,694.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
3-5-47	261123	Capital Office Equipment Co.	$ 2.05
	261124	Western Union Telegraph Co.	3.75
	261125	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	47.50
	261126	Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	63.22
	261127	A. J. Thomas, CCC	1.70
	261128	Photostat Corporation	28.34
3-18-47	276319	R. F. Baker	43.50
3-22-47	283781	J. Edwin Larson, S. T., Tr. to G. R.	50,000.00
3-31-47	293378	Ernest Hewitt	261.20
	293379	J. R. Roberts	182.30
	293380	M. O. Barco	23.75
	293381	Jentye Dedge	28.00

293382	F. C. Elliot	47.50
293383	Bonnie G. Shelfer	136.25
293384	Elizabeth M. Goode	144.45
293385	Vivian A. Dedicos	140.20
293386	Mary C. Pichard	139.88
293387	Evelyn C. Shaw	116.02
304121	Abraham H. Lewis	98.00
	5% Retirement Fund	30.95
	Withholding Tax	122.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1947		$51,661.06

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Baker	3/31/47	1
Bradford	3/17/47	1
Charlotte	3/18/47	25
Clay	3/29/47	1
Clay	4/5/47	3
Franklin	3/10/47	4
Flagler	4/7/47	54
Highlands	4/7/47	1
Jefferson	4/7/47	1
Hillsborough	3/24/47	2
Madison	3/6/47	3
Manatee	4/7/47	4
Martin	4/3/47	28
Martin	4/7/47	20
Osceola	2/10/47	63
Pasco	4/7/47	12
Palm Beach	3/27/47	27
Pinellas	3/18/47	97
Sarasota	4/3/47	34
Sumter	3/31/47	7
Volusia	3/25/47	23
Volusia	4/1/47	19

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from grantee in Deed #550 Osceola County and from grantee in Deed #1087 Volusia County, for release of State road right of way in each deed.

The State Road Departmnet having approved the release, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize issuance of

Osceola County Q. C. Deed #550 to M. L. Ledbetter

Volusia County Q. C. Deed #1087 to Bertha Willin Stewart

for the purpose of releasing State road reservation as approved by the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented for correction to be made in original deed conveying land in Bay County, original deed having erroneously listed the township and range. The Attorney General's office having examined the request approved issuance of deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve issuance of the following correction deed:

Bay County Deed #537-COR. to The Griswold Company, Incorporated.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from W. C. Foster that the Trustees correct error made in one description in original Sumter County Deed #1128 conveying a large number of parcels.

The Attorney General's office having approved issuance of a deed to correct the error, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Sumter County Supplemental Deed No. 1128 be executed in favor of W. C. Foster for the purpose of correctly describing one parcel of land erroneously listed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $140.00 was presented from City of Plant City for conveyance of the following described lots in Hillsborough County:

Lots 5 and 8 of Block 2, W. B. Herring's S/D—Public Library property.

Mr. Elliot reported that the offer was equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value and recommended conveyance under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer for the lots and authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District that the Trustees withhold from sale all double reversion lands in Broward, Dade, Hendry and Palm Beach counties for a period of probably sixty (60) days, pending the working out of exchanges in connection with water conservation areas.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to grant request of the Everglades Drainage District, and withhold from sale the Murphy Act lands under double reversion in the counties named for a period of sixty (60) days. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Mr. Ted Cabot, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County, in which he requested authority to advertise Murphy Act lands in Broward County upon application from any person without necessity of depositing amount of base bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to grant request, taking the position that the same authority would have to be given all other counties, and that they would not be justified in taking such action at this time. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Mr. E. B. Leatherman, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dade County, that the Trustees discontinue a recent requirement that sale of all Murphy Act lands in Dade County be advertised in two papers in the county, rather than one publication.

Mr. Elliot explained that in September 1946, the Trustees adopted a rule that notice of all Murphy Act sales in Dade County be published in two papers, such rule to be in effect for three months; that there had been no noticeable gain in sales and that the cost was almost prohibitive.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees rescind action taken in September and notify the Clerk of Dade County that the Trustees will require notices of sale published in one paper only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Freeman T. Cobb that the Trustees allow him to withdraw his application to purchase the following described lots for the reason that he was under the impression that there was a lake on the property but upon examination found it was only a small hole and not at all desirable. A deposit of $153.25 was filed with the Clerk and he desired the return of his money on

Lots 1 to 30 and Lots 33 to 39, Block "G";
Lots 1 to 13; Lots 18, 19, 20, 29 & 30, Block "I",
Crescent Hill S/D of Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Orange County to allow withdrawal of the application and that refund of amount deposited be made to Mr. Cobb. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that requests had been received from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of each of the counties of Hernando, Columbia, Osceola and Pasco, asking that certain certificates be cancelled for reasons set forth on each request. The requests were referred to the Attorney General and approval has been received from his office that it is in order for the Trustees to disclaim interest in the certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees grant request of the counties enumerated and disclaim interest in the certificates requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the following salaries and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 286.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Clerk, Land & Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	16500
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk	175.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	150.00
Mary C. Pichard, Clerk-Stenographer	160.00
Evelyn C. Shaw, Clerk	150.00
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	5.80
Western Union Telegraph Company, Tallahassee	2.06
Bulkley-Newman Printing Company, Tallahassee	102.50
TOTAL	$1,503.36

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
April 22, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Application was presented from T. L. Williams, Jr., offering $7.50 an acre for the following described property:

Sections 13, 24, 25, 26 and 36, Township 44 South, Range 33 East;
Sections 31 and 32, Township 44 South, Range 34 East;
Sections 2, 3; E 1/2 of Section 6; All Sections 11 and 12, Township 45 South, Range 34 East, Containing in all approximately 7406.37 acres in Hendry County.

Mr. Wells informed the board that the three sections in Township 44 South, Range 33 East, had recently been applied for by L. P. Austin with offer of $7.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids based on offer of $7.50 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Joe H. Peeples for extension of two (2) years on his Grazing Lease #405, expiring May 2, 1948. Information was furnished that the lease covers

> 500 acres of land lying between the Government Meander Line and Lake Hicpochee in Section 25, Township 42 South, Range 31 East, and Sections 19, 20, 21 and 22, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize extension of two years as requested by Mr. Peeples. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from The Anchorage, Inc., that the Trustees authorize added to Monroe County Lease #470-A, an additional 100 feet adjacent to State Highway #4-A, for which additional acreage they agree to pay $80.00 per annum or a total rental of $100.00 annually. Information was furnished that the State Road Department has approved the lease.

Motion was offered by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request and authorize inclusion of the additional parcel in lease to The Anchorage, Inc. upon payment of the rental offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer of $15.00 an acre from W. Curry Harris, on behalf of Abe R. and Emma Wolkoff, for purchase of 6.15 acres of bay bottom land adjacent to their upland property in Lot 1, Square 60, Stock Island, Monroe County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius F. Parker, attorney for the Trustees, reported that the Interstate Oil Compact Commission will hold a meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, April 23, 24 and 25, 1947, and an invitation to attend had been issued to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Elliot and Mr. Parker to attend the meeting if possible. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius F. Parker, attorney for the Trustees, reported as information that in the suit involving Burlingame Island, in Dade County, the Trustees will have to file answer and it is his intention to get action by the Supreme Court rather than by the circuit Judge.

Mr. Elliot reported to the Trustees that in connection with a bill in the legislature the several oil companies holding leases on State lands located within the proposed Everglades National Park area are inquiring whether or not petroleum leases on such lands will be disturbed or terminated by foreclosure or other wise, prior to the time such leases expire under their terms.

Governor Caldwell expressed the view that the Trustees would convey the lands with all rights, whatever they may be, and it will then be up to the Federal Government; that if oil is ever discovered the State will receive its royalty; that the bill is now in the legislature and if it passes the Trustees will be governed by its provisions.

Attorney General Watson mentioned three conditions of the bill as follows.

1. Donation by the State of $2,000,000.00 to acquire new land;
2. Conveyance by the State of land free from oil rights, except the one-eighth royalty;
3. Acquisition by the Trustees of school land within the area to be conveyed to the Federal Government.

It was explained that the $2,000,000.00 would be turned over to the Federal Government which agency would acquire the land; that the Trustees would be required to exchange with the State Board of Education land outside of the park area for school land within the park boundaries; that the deed executed in December 1944 conveyed about 500,000 acres of land and about one million acres of water bottoms.

Mr. Elliot displayed a map showing a restricted park boundary excluding therefrom areas where oil leases are outstanding; also indicating land under lease and that in private ownership.

Ownership of Model Land Company in the park area was discussed and it was suggested that a survey would be necessary to determine definitely privately owned lands and State lands.

Mr. Elliot explained that in the deed to Model Land Company the sections were named and the acreage set forth based on 640 acres to the section, all unsurveyed. There has since been discovered, still unsurveyed, considerable additional land, not heretofore conveyed, in what will be, when surveyed, a hiatus between Townships 58 and 59 South, West of Range 37 East.

Mr. Elliot further reported that he had suggested to representatives of the Interior Department that since the Federal Government conveyed the land to the State as unsurveyed, that it be conveyed out of the State even as it came, and he thought the United States might accept conveyance in that form.

Attorney General Watson stated that he does not now and has not acquiesced in the idea that the National Government, in connection with Everglades National Park, was undertaking anything in the interest of Florida for which two million dollars should be made available; that he does not concur in the proposition that the State should acquire additional lands to the thousands of acres already set apart; that he does not concur in giving the oil rights belonging to the State to the National Government in connection with the park; that he feels that the National Wildlife and Game agency could and would preserve wildlife in that area without any gift from the State; that in so far as opening up the area to the public with roads and trails, he does not think the United States will now, or ten years from now, spend sufficient money to make it accessible or of such interest that crowds will be attracted to visit it; that he cannot sit by and observe that this be done without expressing his views as a member of the board.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids were regular in all respects, have been properly checked and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Baker	3/31/47	1
Clay	4/12/47	1
Escambia	4/14/47	2

Hernando	4/14/47	3
Indian River	4/14/47	12
Lake	4/14/47	11
Martin	3/3/47	1
Orange	4/7/47	44
Palm Beach	4/11/47	34
Putnam	4/5/47	28
St. Lucie	4/7/47	42
Taylor	2/28/47	5
Taylor	2/28/47	1
Volusia	4/7/47	42

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for correction deed in favor of Rufus Bradley, original deed having been in error as to first name of grantee. Information was furnished that the Attorney General's office has approved issuance of such deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Dixie County Deed No. 79-COR. in favor of Rufus Bradley. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from John O. Olsen for release of road reservation in Dade County deed. Information was furnished that the State Road Department has approved release of the reservation as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Dade County Q. C. Deed #2579 to John O. Olsen for releasing State road reservation as approved by the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Sarasota County for conveyance of title to the following described land:

Lot 15, Block 214, Edgewood Section of Venice, Section 8, Township 39 South, Range 19 East,

which parcel was included in foreclosure proceedings by the county in 1942. $5.00 was offered for the lot, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept offer from Sarasota County and authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, of the lot described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from American Telephone & Telegraph Co., for easement across the following described parcels desired in connection with buried cable line between Jacksonville and Orlando, for which they offer $1.00 per rod or $120.00, and $50.00 for use of a parcel on which to place a booster or repeater station.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of easement as requested through the following described parcels upon payment of the amounts offered:

IN VOLUSIA COUNTY—

SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 14 South, Range 28 East
E 1/2 of W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 17 South, Range 30 East;

Lots 15 to 18 and 27 to 38, all inclusive, Oakwood Terrace of Lot 41, Orange City-DeLand Farms;

Lots 23 to 36, inclusive, Lots 43 and 44, Block "B" Ben-neau Park West, a S/D of Lots 44 and 45 Orange City-DeLand Farms;

E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 30 East;

IN SEMINOLE COUNTY—

Lots 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, Block 4 and Lot 12 Block 3 of Lakeview, Lake Mary.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from J. W. Nowlin, on behalf of client, Ida Bradley, that the Trustees issue quit claim deed covering the

North 193.5 feet of Lot 1, Block 1 in Section 21, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County,

in order to remove any cloud on the title. It was explained that the Trustees disclaimed interest in the certificate certified to the State under Chapter 18296 on the ground of double assessment.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize issuance of the deed upon payment of $10.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates for which cancellation had been requested by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Brevard, Citrus, Clay, Duval, Hernando, Highlands, Indian River, Pinellas and Sarasota Counties, the Attorney General's office having approved requests submitted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that House Bill #24 had been introduced in the legislature providing for vesting in the several counties of the State the title to all lands acquired by the State under the provisions of Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937—the Murphy Act—not sold by the State on October 1, 1947.

Without objection Mr. Elliot was requested to informally express the views of the Trustees as being opposed to the bill.

House Bill #27 was also reported as having been introduced providing for cancellation by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Florida of all State and County and municipal tax sale certificates held by private individuals on lands which have reverted to the State under Chapter 18296—Murphy Act.

Mr. Elliot was requested to keep in touch with progress of the bill.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
April 29, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Evans Crary, on behalf of Sperti, Inc., holder of Lease #448 dated November 30, 1945, came before the Trustees with information that the name of the company had been changed to Sperti Foods, Inc. and that said company desired to renew negotiations for lease covering an additional area along the coast of Florida from which to remove seaweed to be used in the production of agar-agar. Mr. Crary explained that the original application involved an area along the Indian and St. Lucie rivers and that exclusive lease was granted by the Trustees for a period of ten (10) years with minimum annual payment of $500.00 on the basis of $1.00 per dry ton. About a year ago the company applied for an additional area and the Trustees fixed the minimum annual rental for the combined areas at $5000.00. Sperti Foods, Inc. now requests that the annual rental be reduced and that a change be made in the language of the lease, regarding other parties having the right to obtain leases, such change to provide that any competitor taking a lease from the State will be required to construct and operate a plant in Florida equal to that constructed by Sperti and therein to completely process the seaweed into the final form in which it is used commercially.

Upon considering the request, the Trustees were of the opinion that all such leases should carry the same provision for erection of plants of like value and complete processing of the product in the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve issuance of a ten-year non-exclusive lease in favor of Sperti Foods, Inc., covering the

territory applied for with reduced minimum rental of $1,000.00 annually based on price of $1.00 per dry ton for the product. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Parker and Mr. Crary were requested to prepare the lease along the lines discussed, including therein the provision for construction and operation of the plant in this State and final processing to completion of the seaweed.

Mr. Wells reported that other parties have indicated that they would apply for leases similar to that of Sperti Foods, Inc., for an area in the vicinity of Clearwater and that he will notify them of the requirements as to erection of plant and processing of the seaweed in the State.

Mr. Wells reported that Julius Parker had received report from Miami that the DuPont interests were dredging from an area adjacent to Burlingame Island and depositing the material in a yacht basin claimed by Port St. Joe Paper Company. It was recommended that the DuPonts be enjoined and stopped from dredging material from water bottoms under control of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that Mr. Parker take the necessary steps to stop the dredging of material from the State's property and notify the DuPont interests that payment will be required for fill already removed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of A. E. Smith, offering $100.00 an acre for a parcel of land adjacent to his upland property in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, designated as:

> 1.56 acres of submerged land lying between the West line of Lot 39 Jungle Shores #5 and a line parallel to and 800 feet west thereof, etc.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections based on offer from Mr. Smith. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from M. D. Williams for purchase of sixty thousand (60,000) square feet of submerged land between his island in the Anclote River and upland property, being a parcel

200 feet by 300 feet in Sections 3 and 10, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County,

and connecting the island with the upland; also application to purchase a strip 100 feet wide surrounding and adjacent to the island owned by Mr. Williams.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the property applied for by Mr. Williams, provided he will agree to pay $160.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Alex McWilliams Mayor of Vero Beach, Florida, making application on behalf of the City for quit claim deed to

A small island in Section 31, Township 32 South, Range 40 East, Containing 6.39 acres in Indian River County.

Said island is located adjacent to Government Lot 2, Section 31, Township 32 South, Range 40 East, owned by the City. The City makes an offer for the land on the basis of $40.00 an acre, $10.00 an acre to be paid as the equity of the State Board of Education, with $30.00 an acre to be remitted by the Trustees. The parcel will be used for park purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve sale of the island by quit claim deed on the basis of $40.00 an acre as the value with cash payment of $10.00 an acre, representing the school fund's equity, and the remitting of $30.00 an acre by the Trustees; deed to contain reservation that the island be used for public purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District for five-year easement over submerged areas in St. Johns County desired as spoil deposit locations.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize easement as requested over those areas designated as follows:

Parcel SAN 232-D in Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 29 East;

Parcel SAN 232-E in Unsurveyed Sections 27, 28, 34 and 35, Township 8 South, Range 30 East,

and Sections 2 and 11, Township 9 South, Range 30 East;

Parcel SAN SJ-1 in Unsurveyed Sections 11, 13 and 14, Township 9 South, Range 30 East;

Parcel SAN SJ-2 in Unsurveyed Sections 23, 24 and 25, Township 9 South, Range 30 East;

Parcel SAN 233 in Unsurveyed Sections 35 and 36, Township 9 South, Range 30 East;

Parcel SAN 236 in Unsurveyed Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 31 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $725.00 from M. C. Hughes for 65 acres of submerged land in Pasco County, for the reason that the appraised value is placed at an amount in excess of $4000.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that two bills had been presented to the Legislature for introduction on the following subjects:

1. Having reference to taxes and the lien thereof against land held by the State Board of Education, by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, or by any other State agency, for which there are or shall be outstanding purchase contracts;
2. Providing for transfer of balance remaining in the petroleum oil and/or gas exploration fund to the regular Internal Improvement Fund account, and for repealing Chapter 20667, Acts of 1941, under which act the petroleum fund was created.

The report was received and Mr. Elliot was requested to follow progress of the bills.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that said bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Bay	4/21/47	15
Clay	4/26/47	2
Dade	4/16/47	3
DeSoto	4/22/47	2
Duval	2/26/47	124
Dixie	4/21/47	1
Gadsden	4/21/47	1
Hendry	4/21/47	6
Hillsborough	4/21/47	72
Marion	3/3/47	17
Marion	4/7/47	19
Martin	4/14/47	17
Okeechobee	4/21/47	7
Osceola	4/21/47	42
Palm Beach	4/18/47	35
Pinellas	5/28/46	1
Pinellas	12/17/46	1
Polk	3/28/47	26
Suwannee	4/7/47	2
Suwannee	4/21/47	5

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented for correction of errors in original deeds conveying Murphy Act land in Bay and Volusia counties, Mr. Elliot reporting that the Attorney General's office had approved issuance of deed in each instance.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following correction deeds:

Bay County Deed #558-COR. to D. G. McQuagge

Bay County Deed #576-COR. to W. M. Pope and W. H. Laird

Bay County Deed #590-COR. to Hunt Oil Company

Volusia County Deed #2767-COR. to Nick Triantafellu, Jr.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Three applications were presented from Hillsborough County for release of road right of way in original deeds, accompanied by approval from the State Road Department for relinquishment of the reservation in each request.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quit claim deeds to the following parties for releasing the road right of way as approved by the State Road Department:

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #08-Chap. 21684 to W. B. Dickerson and Alice R. Dickerson;
Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #08-Chap. 21684 to Louis H. Spiner;
Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #08-Chap. 21684 to Highland Pines Corporation.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District for conveyance of the following described land:

Lot 13, Block 6, Pershing Park—Hillsborough County in lieu of Lot 13, Block 5—same subdivision—erroneously conveyed to the District in Hillsborough County Deed #08-Chap. 21684, said lot having already been conveyed to Pearl B. Harvey in Murphy Act Deed No. 781. The District furnished quit claim deed in favor of the rightful owner conveying Lot 13, Block 5.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees issue Supplemental Deed in favor of Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District for the purpose of conveying Lot 13, Block 6, Pershing Park—Hillsborough County—upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County that the Trustees convey title to

8 acres in NW corner of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 12 East, Hamilton County,

in order to merge all title in the County. It was explained that the parcel described was included in foreclosure proceedings by the County in October 1945, and offer of $20.00 has been submitted for Murphy Act deed to complete title in the County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer, which is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, and authorize deed under Chapter 21684 in favor of Hamilton County for conveying title to the parcel described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported transfer to General Revenue from Murphy Act sales during April 1947 as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
Transfer to General Revenue.....$50,000.00

which amount makes a total of $4,000,000.00 transferred to General Revenue from said fund since May 21, 1941.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
May 6, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Park H. Campbell, Attorney for Dade County, came before the Trustees with request that restriction in Deed #18556 be released as to a certain area that the county desires to lease to private parties, on which will be constructed an aquarium to be open to the public, and another parcel on which the University of Miami will construct

a Marine Laboratory for educational purposes. Mr. Campbell stated that five percent (5%) of gross receipts taken in by the aquarium will be paid to Dade County to be used for county public purposes, and that the Marine Laboratory will be for educational purposes in connection with the University of Miami.

Upon consideration of the request, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

See Minutes Aug. 5, 1947 amending this resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by Deed #18556 dated May 24, 1940, conveyed unto Dade County, Florida, the following described property comprising a part of Virginia Key in Dade County, Florida:

> Government Lot 1 in Section 17;
> Government Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Section 20; and
> Government Lots 1 and 2 in Section 21,
> all lying and being in Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Containing 64.30 acres,

which said deed is recorded in Deed Book 2065, page 454, of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS said deed contains the following reservation:
> "This conveyance is made on the condition that the area above described is to be used for public purposes only, and should said area be used for any purposes other than public, the title to said land shall automatically revert to and become the property of the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida"; and

WHEREAS Dade County desires to lease a portion of said premises to some individual, firm or private corporation for the erection, maintenance and operation of an aquarium, and a portion of said premises to the Unievrsity of Miami for the erection, maintenance and operation of a marine laboratory, and said County has requested of said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund either a release of such reservation or condition contained in said deed, or an expression that the leasing of such property for such purposes would not constitute a violation of said restriction or condition in said deed; and

WHEREAS it appears to the Trustees that the use of such property so proposed to be leased for such purposes would in fact be to the public interest; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA that the leasing of portions of said premises aforesaid, as hereinbefore set forth, will not constitute a violation of the reservation or condition in the deed aforesaid, provided that such aquarium when erected and operated will be open to admission to the general public upon payment of such admission fees as may be charged, and that such marine laboratory when constructed and operated will be used for educational purposes, and that this release of said condition shall be applicable only to the area actually occupied by said aquarium and by said marine laboratory, together with the necessary grounds and parking areas to be used in connection therewith.

Offer of $350.00 was submitted from Louis Joseph, Commander and Service Officer of Disabled American Veterans, for purchase of the following described land, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572 of 1929:

Lots 13, 15 and 17, Block 20
Plat of Sarasota, Florida
Sarasota County.

The lots are desired as a location for a Veterans' Home and the offer is in excess of the appraised value.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer for the lots described and that deed of conveyance be executed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented offer of $4.00 an acre from St. Joseph Land and Development Company for purchase of

SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 10 West, Containing 40 acres in Gulf County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $4.00 an acre and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided applicant will agree to bid not less than $7.50 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $200.00 an acre was presented from Elbert

Moore, on behalf of Mrs. Victor Licata, for purchase of the following described bay bottom land in Hillsborough County:

> 1.5 acres of submerged land lying West of and adjacent to Lots 22 to 29, both inclusive, and an unsurveyed lot North of Lot 29, Causeway Sites Unit #2 Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 26 Page 86, Public records of Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, based on offer from Mrs. Licata. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Mr. Fink Fischer for ten-year lease on two small islands in Okaloosa County, designated as

> Island #1 located approximately 1.1 miles West of the bridge across Santa Rosa Sound on State Road #30—Federal #98;
> Island #2 located approximately 70 feet West of island #1.
> Both islands are south of Fort Walton, the dimensions of each being 110 feet North and South by 80 feet East and West.

The Trustees having received a report on the location of the two islands and the purpose for which they are to be used, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that lease be authorized in favor of Mr. Fischer upon payment of $50.00 annually, provided the areas leased will not be used for commercial purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Mr. William Pitchford for appointment to appear before the Trustees with reference to Martin County land he now has under lease and for which he will offer $10,000.00.

The Trustees agreed to hear Mr. Pitchford May 13, 1947, and instructed Mr. Wells to notify the St. Lucie Inlet Port District and other interested parties that the subject would come up on that date. Senator Evans Crary, representing the Inlet District, was also notified of the date set.

The Trustees on March 4, 1947, authorized advertised for objections only land in Pinellas County applied for by

Chester Irving and John E. Young with offer of $150.00 an acre. The following notice was advertised in the St. Petersburg Times in the issues of April 4, 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
March 15th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 6th, 1947, the following described land in PINELLAS COUNTY:

50 acres of submerged land lying North and Northeast of Government Lot 3 of Coon Key in Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale. BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Description of the land was called out for hearing objections, if any, and Mr Wells reported that the U. S. Engineer Office, Jacksonville, Florida, had requested that no deed be issued to certain parts of the area covered in the application that would affect the 500 foot right of way for purposes of Florida Inland Navigation District channel.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Chester Irving and John E. Young, conditioned upon objection from the United States being reconciled as to the channel right of way. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon application from Walter McElfresh with offer of $150.00 an acre, the Trustees authorized advertised for objections only land in Broward County, and the following notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News on April 4, 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
March 24th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 6th, 1947, for the land in BROWARD COUNTY, described as follows:

A parcel of submerged land, the general description of which is as follows:

In the NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, lying on the easterly side of the Florida Intra Coastal Waterway and being a part of what is known as Lettuce Lake, confined within the shore line to the southward and a line through approximately the middle of said Lettuce Lake and adjoining lands owned by Charellen Corporation, containing approximately 6 acres, all in Broward County, accurate description to be furnished with deed.

A plat of said area may be examined in the office of Walter A. McElfresh, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Sec., Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the description being called out, no objections were filed or presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. McElfresh at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from John M. Boring, on behalf of upland owners, to purchase land on Pine Island fill, the following notice was published in the Fort Myers News on April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 2, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
April 3rd, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 6th, 1947, for the land in LEE COUNTY, described as follows:

Lots 1 to 25 inclusive, Block #1,
Lots 1 to 16 inclusive, Block #2,
Lots 1 to 33 inclusive, Block #3,
of a Plat of Pine Island Fill Subdivision, Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 22 East, on Page 86 of Plat Book No. 8 of the Public Records of Lee County, Florida.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for objections only and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale be confirmed in favor of applicants owning adjoining property, at a price of $1.00 per front foot up to fifty (50) feet and $2.00 per front foot for each foot in excess of fifty. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on offer of $6.00 an acre from David Elmer Ward for purchase of Hendry County land, the following notice was published in the Hendry County News, Clewiston, Florida, on April 4, 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
March 13th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 6th, 1947, for the land in HENDRY COUNTY, described as follows:

Sections 18, 19, 20, 30, W 1/2 of 31 and E 1/2 of 32, Township 46 South, Range 34 East.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund

Description of the land was called out for offers and bids were made by Mr. Ward and J. R. Bridges resulting in a high bid of $7.85 an acre by Mr. Bridges.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Bridges for the land advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker reported to the Trustees of action taken by him in the matter of dredging being done by the DuPont interest adjacent to Burlingame Island. Information was furnished that a permit for dredging had been issued by the War Department within an area to be confined to channel lines of Miami River but that the Company was not staying within those lines; that notice had

been filed on the company that unless arrangements were made with the Trustees for payment for the material being removed steps would be taken to stop dredging in the area; that the company had requested by telephone that the Trustees not issue the order or start suit to stop the work and that their engineer would be present on this date, or the next day, to file application for permit to remove the material and make payment for fill already removed and any additional amounts to be taken. Mr. Parker stated that he had withheld action until he could present the matter to the Trustees today and would like confirmation of such action, and also would like to know whether or not the Trustees would allow time for the DuPont's engineer to come before the Trustees and make arrangements as suggested.

Without objection the Trustees agreed to hold the matter in abeyance until Mr. Parker could get in touch with the DuPont interests and get commitment in writing that the Company agrees to pay for material being dredged. It was so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following expense account be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant in payment therefor:

Cyril Baldwin, Land Appraiser,

Expense accounts for February and March 1947 $156.00

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, all of which are regular and have been properly checked:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Duval	3/6/47	36
Gadsden	4/28/47	2
Levy	4/21/47	1
Nassau	4/28/47	8
Seminole	4/28/47	28
Volusia	4/1/47	1
Walton	11/18/46	68
Walton	3/3/47	3
Walton	3/24/47	1
Walton	4/9/47	21
Walton	4/14/47	1
Walton	4/21/47	3

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest that may be filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted for issuance of Palm Beach County deed for the purpose of correcting spelling of grantee's name in original deed #536. Information was furnished that the Attorney General's office has approved making the correction desired.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Palm Beach County Deed #536-COR in favor of Fred J. Scheuing. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented for release of road reservations in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties deeds, together with recommendation from the State Road Department that the reservations be released.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for releasing State Road right of way as recommended by the State Road Departemnt:

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #1239 to Claudia Harper Gay
Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #2241 to Fred T. Saussy, Jr.
Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #3589 to Segundo Gonzalez, Jr.
Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #3719 to Vert Emeraude, Inc.
Pinellas County Q. C. Deed #2382 to Ralph Giovannucci

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Florida East Coast Railway Company for easement deed covering the following described Murphy Act lots:

Lots 3 to 9, Block 1; Lots 13 to 21, Block 11; Lots 15 to 28, Block 12, Pompano Terrace S/D in Section 35, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

It was explained that right of way was granted to the Railway Company sometime ago in order to have a spur track built to serve Pompano State Farmer's Market. The Company now asks for a deed and agrees to pay $200.00 for the same.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize easement deed under provisions of Chapter 21684 in favor of Florida East Coast Railway Company, conveying the lots described; deed to contain reversion clause should the Company discontinue use of the land for railroad purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $266.00 was presented from the City of Eau Gallie, Florida, for purchase of 266 lots located within the city limits, on which there are city liens amounting to $36,761.65 through the year 1939.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to accept the offer of $1.00 per lot, and counter proposal was authorized to convey the Brevard County lots applied for upon payment of $5.00 per lot, deed to be made under provisions of Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Florida Power Corporation that the Trustees grant right of way seventy (70) feet wide and 567.14 feet long through the following described lots for transmission line installation:

Lots 1 to 5, Block 1; Lots 1 to 5, Block 4, Tarpon Highlands, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize right of way for power line through the lots described upon payment of $1.00 per rod, or a total of $34.37. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Talahassee, Florida
May 13, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells presented request for reconsideration of action taken by the Trustees February 25, 1947, having reference to sale of Manatee County land to Walter S. Hardin. It was explained that Mr. Hardin did not agree with the surveyor as to the number of acres in the parcel, the surveyor reporting nine (9) acres and Mr. Hardin contending that there were not in excess of five (5) acres; that the Trustees declined to approve sale on the basis of 5 acres and authorized the sale consummated at a price of $150.00 an acre according to the survey; that Mr. Hardin is still of the opinion that there is a mistake in the acreage and submits an offer of $800.00 for the tract.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees rescind action of February 24, as to price of the land described, and authorize sale at a price of $800.00 as offered by Mr. Hardin. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. R. C. Brent, engineer of woodlands division of Port St. Joe Paper Company, was present to represent the DuPont interests in connection with dredging operations in Dade County, west of the Miami River and adjacent to Burlingame Island. He explained that his company was not aware that they were taking material owned by the State; that permit had been isued by the War Department for dredging in the river channel, the U. S. engineers expressing the view that it would save the Government money as it was work that was necessary to be done; that on behalf of his company he was applying for permit to remove the material for filling in the yacht basin and would pay

at the rate the Trustees required for material already removed and additional yardage necessary, the total estimated to be around 105,000 cubic yards.

Mr. Parker advised the Trustees that there was question as to whether or not the DuPonts had authority to fill the yacht basin, whether or not the Trustees desired to take action to stop the filling thereof, and if filling was allowed at what price the Trustees would sell the material being dredged; that whatever action is taken, it should be understood that there is no relinquishment of any title by the State in the yacht basin itself.

Upon full discussion of the subject, Governor Caldwell suggested that the Trustees agree to sell fill material already removed by the DuPont interests, and any additional material to be taken at the price fixed by the Trustees—

5 cents per cubic yard for 1st 10,000 cubic yards
4 cents per cubic yard for 2nd 10,000 cubic yards
3 cents per cubic yard for 3rd 10,000 cubic yards
2 cents per cubic yard for 4th 10,000 cubic yards
2 cents per cubic yard for all over 40,000 cubic yards,

with the understanding that no action here taken will be construed to recognize, or in any wise affect the existing title to the yacht basin.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the suggestion of the Governor be adopted as the action of the Trustees and the sale of fill material authorized on the basis outlined. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was made that the Trustees be furnished with statement of material already removed and all additional material.

Mr. Evans Crary came before the Trustees with reference to title to an area of filled in property in front of land owned by St. Lucie Inlet Port District in Martin County, said area now being leased by the State to A. I. Padgett and sub-leased to William Pitchford.

Mr. Crary stated that the Inlet District commissioners had authorized him to offer the Trustees $500.00 for deed to the property, without any waiver of their rights in claiming title to said parcel, subject to the District working out some arrangement with Mr. Pitchford.

The Trustees having agreed to hear all interested parties on this subject Tuesday, May 20, 1947, Mr. Crary stated that he would be present on that date as also would representatives from the Inlet District.

Mr. Evans Crary, on behalf of C. B. Arbogast, asked if the Trustees had changed their policy as to sale of islands, and if so he desired to make an offer for an area off Sewell's Point, Martin County, which is connected with his property by a sand bar. Mr. Crary explained that the island was created by dredging work of Florida Inland Navigation District in deepening the channel at that point and his client had applied to purchase the property some months ago, about which time the Trustees took the position that they would not sell any islands.

The Trustees advised Mr. Crary that the position of the board had not changed as to sale of the islands, but that an application to lease on a long term basis would be considered. Mr. Crary said that he would convey that information to his client.

It was suggested that it might be advisable to ask that an act be passed at this session of the legislature prohibiting sale of all islands held by the State.

Offer of $10.00 an acre was submitted from M. W. Bishop for purchase of the following described land:

> S 1/2 of NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 1 North, Range 25 East, Duval County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Bishop. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of $15.00 an acre from L. Maxcy for purchase of Martin County land he now has under lease, located in Sections 8 and 17, Township 39 South, Range 37 East. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Bryant Bowden, on behalf of J. R. Roden and Sid Lowe, for assignment of State Mortgages #16678, M. B. Knight, and #16688, A. J.

Knight, covering land in Sections 14 and 15, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, Glades County. Applicant agrees to pay all costs and foreclose the mortgages in the name of the State. Offer of $20.00 an acre is made for the land with payment of one-fourth cash and the remainder under contract with nine semi-annual installments, bearing six per cent (6%) interest.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to sell the land at the price offered, conditioned upon foreclosure of the mortgages being carried through in the name of the State but without cost to the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from R. E. Duckworth, on behalf of Rex-McGill Investment Company, to purchase

> 0.46 of an acre of Lake Conway land adjacent to Lots 8 and 9, Block "B" Lake Conway Park, Orange County.

Applicants offer $138.00 for the parcel based on a price of $300.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only, based on offer from adjacent upland owners. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that House Bill #461 for relief of Charlton C. Anderson had been introduced by D. H. Saunders, Representative from St. Lucie County, providing for payment by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of $5000.00 for loss of land and improvements through defective title from the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Elliot be requested to investigate the claim and see what can be done about the bill. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Charlotte	4/7/47	4
Clay	5/10/47	1
Columbia	4/30/47	2
Escambia	5/5/47	4
Flagler	5/5/47	8
Highlands	5/5/47	3
Highlands	5/5/47	1
Holmes	4/26/47	1
Liberty	9/30/46	3
Martin	4/14/47	3
Pasco	5/5/47	9
Palm Beach	4/28/47	115
Pinellas	3/18/47	5
Putnam	5/3/47	10
St. Johns	4/17/47	5
Wakulla	3/27/47	3
Walton	4/30/47	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Mr. Kay Griner of Cross City, Florida, that tax certificate No. 58 of September 5, 1932, Dixie County, covering the West 32 feet of Lot 9, Block 2—T. P. Chaires Addition to Cross City, be removed from the list of Murphy Act certificates in the hands of the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot reported that an examination of the records and statement from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dixie County reveal that taxes have been paid as required under Chapters 16252 and 17400—the Futch Acts—and the certificate is subject to cancellation or removal from the Murphy Act list.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dixie County to strike from the Murphy Act list tax sale certificate No. 58 in so far as it applies to

> The West 32 feet of Lot 9, Block 2—T. P. Chaires Addition to Cross City, Florida.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. D. H. Saunders, Representative from St. Lucie County, came before the Trustees with reference to purchase by the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, of the following described land:

> 11.75 acres of S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County.

Information was furnished that the City of Fort Pierce protested original sale at which J. W. Whitice was high bidder and at second sale on May 5, 1947—Report #80—the City was high bidder in amount of $5,090.00; that this bid by the City reflected a fictitious value on the property and for that reason Mr. Saunders asked that the bid be declined and the land sold to the City at a fair value. The City owns adjacent property and actually has water mains buried under the land in question.

Upon discussion of the request, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees reject the bid of the City of Fort Pierce. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented from Alachua and Seminole counties for deeds to correct errors in original instruments. Information was furnished that the Attorney General's ofice had approved the issuance of the deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees execute the following deeds:

> Alachua County Deed No. 1031-COR. to P. C. Keeter
> Seminole County Deed No. 1460-COR. to R. B. Hartman.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr Elliot reported as information that notice had been received from the United States Navy Department of cancellation of Lease NOy(R)-32344—Dade County Access Road R/W and also release from Permit No. NA 30/H2-14 of Tract 35, Section 2, Township 51 South, Range 39 East, containing 10 acres in Broward County.

Comptroller C. M. Gay reported that Mr. Monroe Venable of Archer, Florida, and Mr. George E. Evans, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County, had discussed with

him the subject of title to property formerly owned by Mr. Venable's daughter, Mrs. Rubye H. McNair, described as:

> That part of the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 lying South of State Highway and North of A. C. L. Railroad in Section 16, Township 11 South, Range 18 East, Alachua County;

that the Attorney General had given a verbal opinion that title to the property was not in the State but, after discussing the question with him, the Attorney General changed his views and both agreed that title vested in the State under the Murphy Act. The City of Archer desires to acquire the property for playground purposes and Mrs. McNair has agreed to allow the City to bid in the property.

Report of the sale not having been received by the Trustees, consideration of bids and action thereon was deferred awaiting receipt of report.

Mr. Julius Parker, Attorney for the Trustees, reported with reference to lawsuit:

> Millard F. Caldwell, Governor, et al., as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
>
> vs
>
> Donald B. Kemper and wife

involving the right of the Trustees to reserve oil and mineral rights in Murphy Act land. Information was furnished that Judge Buford stated he had lands affected by the action of the Trustees and desired to know if the State wanted him to move to disqualify himself. He was advised that the Trustees would not make such request. The case was heard and the Supreme Court has notified Mr. Parker that two of the Justices had disqualified themselves because of interest in the situation, and that the case has been reassigned to the other division for re-argument on June 11, 1947.

Report received.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
May 20, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

The Trustees fixed this date for hearing interested parties in connection with a tract of land comprising approximately 13 acres in Section 12, Township 38 South, Range 41 East, Martin County, now under lease #471 in favor of A. I. Padgett with sub-lease in the name of William Pitchford.

It was explained that this question had been before the Trustees in July and August 1946 and involved claim to the land by St. Lucie Inlet Port District on the ground that the area had been filled by the District and was held for terminal and harbor facilities.

Mr. Evans Crary was present, representing the Inlet Port District, and submitted an offer of $500.00 for a basic title to the property without prejudice, however, to the rights of the district to proceed if the offer was declined.

Upon inquiry from the Attorney General for information as to how the land was filled and the purpose for which it was intended, the case was reviewed substantially as recorded in the Minutes of the Trustees in July 1946.

Mr. Wells informed the Trustees that the parcel was leased to Mr. Padgett—subleased to Mr. Pitchford—at an annual rental of $600.00, or a total of $3000.00 for the five-year period.

Mr. Pitchford was present and stated that he was satisfied with the Trustees as owners of the property and if he could be assured of possession of the land under the terms of the present lease he would be satisfied for either agency

to be the owner—the Trustees or the Inlet Port District. During the discussion it was brought out that Mr. Pitchford claimed to have placed improvements on the property prior to issuance of lease from the State, such improvements having a value of $10,000.00; that he had previously held lease from the Port District and from another claimant—M. Pierre Payette—the latter's claim to a portion of the filled area being upheld by the Circuit Court for that district; however the State was not made a party to such suit.

Mr. Julius Parker, attorney for the Trustees, reported that an ejectment suit by the State is now pending against the Payette's who have fenced off a portion of the land in question.

Attorney General Watson stated that he had held that property of this character was held by the State in trust for the people of the State and that this tract should be so held. He suggested that no sale be made but that lease be given to the District for public purposes, conditioned that such lease be not used for making money as an investment.

Governor Caldwell suggested that a division of the proceeds from the lease might be agreed upon and the property conveyed to the Inlet Port District for public purposes, giving the District one-half of the proceeds and title to the property, conveyance to be subject to the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the matter be referred to Mr. Parker and Mr. Crary for report and recommendations in line with the general discussion. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Crary advised that he would report action of the Trustees to the District and requested information as to whether or not the District would receive title without strings, except the Pitchford lease and the public purposes clause; also would that prevent the District from disposing of the property in the future. Governor Caldwell replied that the action would not prohibit sale but receipts therefrom would have to be used for public purposes.

Mr. R. L. Braddock, on behalf of his father H. A. Braddock, presented offer of $50.00 an acre for

> 31 acres of land lying below the General Land Office meander line in Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

Information was furnished that the land applied for is involved in agreement with Islands Improvement Association dated May 21, 1946, providing that until assurance had been given by the Federal Government that certain proposed work would be completed none of the lands within that area would be sold; also that the application covered the tract under lease to Raymond Rector.

Mr. Elliot reported that no commitment had been received from the Federal Government that the work would be done as outlined in Minutes of May 21, 1946, nor had any appropriation been made for participating in the project.

Governor Caldwell suggested that since there was no indication that the work would be done, that the agreement of May 21, 1946, in so far as the Trustees are concerned, be abrogated and that the land be sold at a fair value, indicated as $125.00 an acre.

Mr. Watson moved that the Trustees fix a time for hearing all interested parties in connection with the lands involved in the agreement of May 21, 1946, and that assurance be given that none of the property will be sold between the upland owner and the lake, including that south of the highway, pending disposition of the said agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Watson moved that upon disposition of the agreement, as above, if Mr. Braddock will make an offer of $125.00 an acre for the land which has been indicated as being adjacent to his upland the Trustees advertise it for objections only, and for the parcel south of the highway, now under lease to Mr. Rector, that upon offer of $125.00 per acre from Mr. Braddock the Trustees advertise it for competitive bids, subject to reduction in acreage but not less than twenty-five (25) acres. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Watson was excused from further attendance.

Mr. Wells presented application from C. S. Cornelius for land which Trustees had ordered advertised for competitive bids, based on offer of $30.00 an acre. The following notice was published in the Okeechobee News on April 18, 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
April 16, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 20th, 1947, for the land in OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, described as follows:

Begin at the NE Corner of Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 35 East,

thence, South 0° 10' East, 569.7 feet,
thence, South 28° 00' East, 798.30 feet,
thence, South 7° 22' East, 446.30 feet,
thence, South 31° 04' East, 211.30 feet,
thence, South 48° 25' East, 396.00 feet,
thence, South 58° 22' East, 372.9 feet,
thence, South 70° 45' East, 166.6 feet,
thence, South 36° 14' West, along North R/W Line of State Road #29, 2,814.30 feet,
thence, North 77° 27' West, 40.5 feet,
thence, North 39° 55' West, 332.3 feet,
thence, North 56° 51' West, 523.3 feet,
thence, North 0° 02' East, 4,128.92 feet, to Point of Beginning, containing 151.77 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, the only bid received was $30.00 an acre from Mr. Cornelius.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Cornelius. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from Port St. Joseph Land & Development Company, the Trustees on March 11, 1947, authorized advertised for competitive bids land in Bay County, for which the company offered to pay $7.50 an acre, and the following notice was published in the Panama City News Herald on April 11, 18, 25, and May 2 and 9, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
April 4th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 20th, 1947, for the land in BAY COUNTY, described as follows:

SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 2, Township 6 South, Range 12 West, containing 40 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, the only bid received was $7.50 an acre from the applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve sale of the property to Port St. Joseph Land & Development Company at the price offered.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on offer of $150.00 from George Mellor, the Trustees on April 1, 1947, authorized Pinellas County land advertised for objections only, and the following notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on April 11, 18, 25 and May 2 and 9, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
April 4th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 20th, 1947, for the land in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

That parcel of submerged land, the beginning point of which lies North 40° 49' 47" West, 717.79 feet from the Southeast Corner of Section 15, Township 31 South, Range 15 East.

The general dimensions of the said parcel are 260 feet, more or less, Northeasterly and Southwesterly and 100 feet Northwesterly and Southeasterly and lies on the Boca Ceiga Bay side to the Northeast of what is known as Lagoon Drive and on the Boca Ceiga side to the Southeast of property of George Mellor.

Said parcel contains .60 acres, more or less.

Exact description to be furnished with deed.

Plat of said parcel may be seen in the office of A. L. Pfau, Jr. Civil Engineer, St. Petersburg, Florida.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land description was called out and upon no objections being filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Mellor at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on offer of $100.00 an acre from D. C. Mitchell, the Trustees on February 14, 1947, authorized advertised for objections only Glades County land, and the following notice was published in the Moore Haven Democrat on April 18, 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
April 10th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock, May 20th, 1947, the following described land in GLADES COUNTY:

Beginning at a point on the meander line around Lake Okeechobee, as shown by the T. E. Frederick Survey and map 990 feet west of the east boundary of Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, running thence 693 feet north to the Federal R/W around Lake Okeechobee, thence in a southeasterly direction with the southerly line of said R/W 353.87 feet, thence south 1060.91 feet to the meander line, thence in a northwesterly direction with the meander line to the Point of Beginning, containing 6.64 acres.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.
THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I I. Fund.

The land description was called out and Mr. Wells reported objections filed from W. E. Daniel requesting that no sale be consummated until agreement could be reached as to removal of fences he has placed on the land under his Lease #347 expiring in March 1948.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm the sale in favor of Mr. Mitchell, subject to objections from Mr. Daniel being worked out. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Edward O. Newell, on behalf of Lainhart & Potter, to purchase a parcel of sovereignty land described as:

> 0.24 of an acre adjacent to his property in Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

Offer for the tract was $168.00, or on the basis of $700.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer from Lainhart & Potter. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $5.00 an acre per annum was presented from Mrs. D. S. Weeks, on behalf of Roger Weeks for ten-year lease on a tract of land described as

> East of Parcel 7-ABS-1 in Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32, Glades County,

on which to plant sugar cane or a cover crop to comply with the sugar cane rules and regulations.

Motion was offered by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve issuance of lease as requested by Mrs. Weeks on the rental basis suggested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from W. J. Crowley, on behalf of the Future Farmers of Sarasota County, that the Trustees authorize lease on

> W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 20 East, containing 79.60 acres in Sarasota County,

to be used for forest planting and for chapter recreational purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees withdraw the land from sale and authorize Future Farmers of Sarasota County to make use of it for the purposes stated in the application. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Maguire, Voorhis & Wells of Orlando, Florida, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bentley, for purchase of reclaimed Lake Conway land, Orange County, lying between their upland property and the waters of the lake, said uplands being described as:

> Lots 6 and 7 and Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, Block B, Lake Conway Park, according to plat recorded in Plat Book G, page 137, Public records of Orange County.

Applicants offer $768.00, or $300.00 an acre, for the reclaimed area.

Motion was offered by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on the bid received from Mr. and Mrs. Bentley. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $200.00 an acre was presented from Max A. Werschin for purchase of

> 1.58 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland property in Section 9, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize advertised for objections only the land applied for based on the offer received from Mr. Werschin. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $10.00 an acre was submitted from Elbert Scarborough for purchase of the following described property:

> All Fractional Section 35, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, less W 1/2 of NW 1/4 and Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, comprising 142.82 acres in Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer and make counter proposal

to advertise the land for sale, provided applicant will agree to bid not less than $17.50 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from John Tiedtke to purchase the following described land:

> That portion of Sections 30, 31 and 32 between the old meander line and old Everglades Drainage District levee in Township 42 South, Range 34 East, containing approximately 131 acres in Glades County, Florida,

for which he offers $35.00 an acre.

Appraisal on the land being in excess of the offer, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to sell at that price and make counter proposal to advertise for bids provided applicant will agree to bid not less than $80.00 on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees deferred action on application from S. R. Capps for strip of land in Putnam County, requesting Mr. Capps to take the matter up with Mr. Wells and furnish necessary information to be submitted to the Trustees at the next meeting. It was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of $25.00 from C. E. Shivar of Indiantown, Florida, for purchase of the following described parcel of land, title to which vested in the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931:

> 1 Acre in the Northwest corner of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 1, Township 40 South, Range 38 East, Martin County.

Mr. Shivar was former owner and has been occupying the premises for years.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize sale of the parcel in favor of Mr. Shivar at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay

and adopted that the following salaries and necessary and regular expense be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 425.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Clerk, Land & Records	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Land Appraiser	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull, Attorney	400.00
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To Principal of State School Fund	17,737.84
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To Principal of State School Fund	158.01
W. Turner Wallis, West Palm Beach For survey Trustees Lands, Hiatus between Twps. 45/46 S Rges. 38 and 39 E, Twp. 46 S Rges. 38 and 39 E, and Twp. 47 S Rge. 39 E.	1,248.13
Treasurer of the United States Washington, D. C. For cost of work performed by the U. S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the Trustees I. I. Fund	310.65
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	6.70
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	2.68
J. Alex Arnette, C. C. C. Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach For recording deed	2.25
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	.84
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	18.21
W. R. Lott, C. C. C., Fort Pierce, Fla. For recording deed	1.55
Ray E. Green, C. C. C. Clearwater, Florida For recording deed	1.95
Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota, Florida	7.50
Hon. C. M. Gay, Comptroller Tallahassee, Florida For travel vouchers	39.52
Ross C. Sawyer, C. C. C. Key West, Florida For recording deed	2.05

J. Alex Arnette, C. C. C. West Palm Beach, Florida For recording deed	1.65
Couch Manufacturing Company, Grant, Florida Equipment for Belle Glade Prison Farm Drainage Work	3,456.00
TOTAL	$25,583.53

Financial Statements for the month of April 1947 are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1947

Balance as of April 1, 1947		$937,365.18
Receipts for the Month		
Land Sales	$43,597.12	
Tax Refunds	3,329.35	
Interest	3,963.48	
Mineral Leases	263.50	
General Lease	50.00	
Oil and Gas Leases	3,289.21	
Timber Leases	2,301.08	
Grazing Leases	190.10	
Sand, Shell and Gravel Leases	4,948.56	
Miscellaneous Leases	10.05	
Farm Lease	16,955.00	
10 Year Campsite Lease	50.00	
Fill Material from St. Johns River	15.00	
Total Receipts for the month of April		78,962.45
TOTAL		1,016,327.63
Less Disbursements for the month of April, 1947		20,948.90
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1947		995,378.73

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
4-15-47	317758	Bessie Alderman, TC	$ 15.38
4-17-47	321118	Ernest W. Welch	23.25
	321119	T. T. Turnbull	9.06
	321120	F. C. Elliot	24.73
	321121	Capital Office Equipment	6.35
	321122	The H. & W. B. Drew Company	31.20

	321123	Burroughs Adding Machine Company	2.51
	321124	Sebring American	14.00
	321125	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	321126	State Treasurer—Tr. to Prin. State School Fund	14,962.46
4-19-47	322528	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	12.95
4-17-47	319861	State Treasurer—Tr. to G. R.	3,244.01
4-30-47	329858	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	329859	M. O. Barco	145.50
	329860	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	329861	J. B. Lee	19.00
	329862	W. B. Granger	47.50
	329863	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
	329864	A. C. Bridges	259.65
	329865	Julius Parker	433.40
	329866	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	329867	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
		5% Retirement Fund	51.00
		Withholding Tax	385.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1947			$20,948.90

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of April 1, 1947	$61,159.89
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1947	$61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of April 1, 1947	$2,113.70
Reecipts	-0-
Disbursements for the month	412.30
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1947	$1,701.40

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of April 1, 1947	$ 91,694.63
Receipts for the month	28,007.33
TOTAL	119,701.96
Less Disbursements for the month	52,135.24
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1947	67,566.72

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
4-10-47	312338	Cabana City Corporation	$ 133.33
4-17-47	320001	Southeastern Telephone Company	5.80
	320002	The Western Union Telegraph Company	2.06
	320003	Bulkley-Newman Printing Company	102.50
4-18-47	321478	Arnold Schwartz	498.55
4-30-47	332317	Ernest Hewitt	261.20
	332318	J. R. Roberts	182.30
	332319	M. O. Barco	23.75
	332320	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	332321	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	332322	Bonnie G. Shelfer	136.25
	332323	Elizabeth M. Goode	144.45
	332324	Vivian A. Deidcos	140.20
	332325	Mary C. Pichard	148.10
	332326	Evelyn C. Shaw	124.30
	325786	State Treasurer— Tr. to G. R.	50,000.00
		5% Retirement Fund	30.95
		Withholding Tax	126.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1947			$52,135.24

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that said bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	4/23/47	11
Charlotte	5/12/47	2
Dade	5/7/47	5
Escambia	5/5/47	1
Franklin	3/10/47	1
Gulf	5/12/47	1
Hernando	5/10/47	1
Highlands	5/12/47	2
Lake	5/12/47	6
Lee	4/15/47	31
Manatee	5/5/47	4

Marion	5/5/47	8
Martin	5/12/47	75
Okaloosa	1/19/46	6
Okaloosa	2/22/46	4
Okaloosa	9/3/46	7
Okaloosa	10/26/46	6
Palm Beach	5/9/47	47
Santa Rosa	5/7/47	5
Santa Rosa	5/5/47	2
St. Lucie	5/5/47	25
Suwannee	3/10/47	19

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the list of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented from Hillsborough and Putnam Counties for release of State Road right of way in deeds heretofore issued. Information was furnished that the State Road Department had approved releases requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing the road right of way as recommended by the State Road Department:

Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #08-Chap. 21684 to Olga Paleveda

Putnam County Q. C. Deed #578 to J. W. Mathney.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Reba G. Larsen for correction in spelling of her name as grantee in Duval County Deed No. 3787.

The Attorney General's office having approved the execution of deed, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Duval County Deed No. 3787-COR. to Reba G. Larsen. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Martin County for conveyance of the following described parcel:

South 495 feet of West 440 feet of East 1960 feet of S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 41 East, containing 5 acres in Martin County,

for which the County offers $50.00. Information was furnished that the offer is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept amount offered for the parcel and authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 to Martin County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from J. F. Miller of Sarasota, Florida, for release of oil reservations contained in Murphy Act deed conveying Lots 25 and 26 of Lord's Addition to Sarasota, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the request be denied, the Trustees having followed the policy of not making such releases. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, for conveyance of

Lot 15, Block "J"—Benjamin Hogg's Addition, St. Lucie County,

for which the City offers $37.50.

The offer being equal to one-fourth of the 1932 asssessed value, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the lots described to the City of Fort Pierce under provisions of Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented telegram from J. W. Whitice of Fort Pierce, Florida, requesting that the Trustees decline offer from the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, for 11-3/4 acres of land in Section 22, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, sold May 5, 1947.

The Trustees having heretofore taken action declining bid of the City for the land described, the Trustees requested Mr. Elliot to notify Mr. Whitice to that effect.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following salaries and necessary regular expense be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 286.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Clerk, Land & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	165.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk	175.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	150.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Clerk-Stenographer	160.00
Evelyn C. Shaw, Clerk	150.00
and the following refunds:	
Lewis F. Richards St. Petersburg, Florida Refund Deed No. 3945	46.00
R. W. Baughman St. Petersburg, Florida Refund Deed No. 3922	155.00
TOTAL	$1,594.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
May 27, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Milard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Application was presented from S. R. Capps to purchase the following described property:

East 6 1/2 acres of Lot 3, Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 23 East, Putnam County, Florida,

for which he offers $150.00. It was explained that the parcel lies between his upland property and the water of Cowpen Lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Capps and issue deed in his favor. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. David Cooper presented application for five year lease to remove dead head timber from Suwannee River covering an area from the bridge crossing on Highway #19 to the mouth of the river—approximately 25 miles—for which he offers $500.00. Mr. Cooper will assume all responsibility for ownership of the logs.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize five-year lease in favor of Mr. Cooper, with payment of $12.50 per thousand feet for all logs removed from the river, the deposit of $1000.00 performance bond, and the condition that reports be furnished each month of number of logs removed with payment for same, it being understood that if report is not furnished each month, the lease will be cancelled. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from Clarence W. Nelson, offering $5.00 an acre for the following described tract:

Unsurveyed land in Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 30 East, Containing 560 acres in St. Johns County, Florida.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids based on proposal from Mr. Nelson to pay $5.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer of $20.00 an acre from C. M. Swingle for purchase of approximately eleven (11) acres of lake bottom land in Section 19, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $100.00 an acre was presented from Rodney Durrance, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Van DeVelde, for purchase of the following described land:

> 15 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land lying between their property and the waters of Lake Okeechobee, in Section 18, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections based on offer from applicants. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported with reference to Lease #428 issued to Franklin West for a term of five (5) years from October 23, 1945, requiring construction of a $15,000.00 building by October 22, 1946, deposit of a $1000.00 bond, and agreement to pay monthly rental of $50.00. Failure to carry out the terms of the lease permits cancellation after giving fifteen days notice in writing, and information was furnished that lessee is now $300.00 in arrears in his payments.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees call on the bond if payment is not made within the time limit provided in the lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from E. Ad Ward, on behalf of Junior Boys Club of Fort Myers, Florida, to obtain from the Trustees a small island in Lee County located near the west shore of Caloosahatchee River, opposite Lofton Boat Ways.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease for one year in favor of the Junior Boys Club of Fort Myers, subject to renewal, upon payment of $1.00 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Moreland E. Maddox, on behalf of Lee C. Palmer, applying to purchase

> A small parcel of submerged land, commencing at the intersection of State Road #699 at Gulf Boulevard, in Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, lying beneath a privately owned bridge which connects the island with the mainland.

It was explained that the owner of the bridge is joining with the County Commissioners of Pinellas County in requesting that the Trustees issue deed to the submerged parcel, it being understood the County will take over the bridge for use as a public highway.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Pinellas County of the submerged parcel described, deed to contain the provision that the property will be used for public purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker reported as information that he had been informed that the City of Miami and Dade County contemplated filing suit in the Courts to determine the validity of an act of the legislature, under which the City and County acquired certain valuable property within the city limits, the City taking the position that revenue received from the property was used for operation of the city government and for other public purposes, and upon being asked for his opinion Mr. Parker had advised that he did not think the act was valid.

Attention of the Trustees was called to a bill now in the legislature, providing for abolishment of Everglades Drainage District and the taking over by the various counties in the district of the operation of the drainage works in the respective counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that in response to a letter from Representative Russell Morrow as to the Trustees' views on this bill, that the Governor address a letter to Mr. Morrow expressing the opinion of this board as being opposed to passage of the bill. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Mayo called attention to a bid he had received for photographing records in his office by micro-film.

Discussion was had as to the advisability of setting up a unit under the State Library for the purpose of microfilming valuable records in all departments of the State, the expense of which would be met by a charge to each department for services rendered.

On behalf of the Trustees motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Governor appoint a

committee to investigate the subject and report recommendations. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported as follows in connection with sale of Martin County land to Walter Johns:

> Title to the land vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929; sale was made September 1, 1944 with final payment to be made September 1, 1947; that Everglades Drainage District held tax liens against the property and in order that the Trustees be in position to convey complete title arrangement was made with the District to pay the necessary amount—$1,050.67, which amount was paid by Mr. Johns and deed has been received from the Ditsrict.

As a result of the above action, when final payment is made and deed is issued to Mr. Johns the land will be free of all tax liens.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve action taken by Mr. Elliot in clearing the land involved in sale to Mr. Johns of all tax liens. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Dade	5/14/47	9
Escambia	5/20/47	11
Highlands	5/19/47	1
Hilsborough	5/19/47	56
Holmes	5/15/47	1
Jackson	4/28/47	5
Nassau	5/19/47	15
Okeechobee	5/19/47	5
Orange	5/5/47	82
Sarasota	5/15/47	43
Seminole	5/19/47	18
Sumter	5/12/47	9
Volusia	5/5/47	59

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Three applications were presented for release of State road right of way reservation, all having been approved for release by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following described deeds for the purpose of releasing the reservations as approved by the State Road Department:

Osceola County Q. C. Deed #465 to C. B. Bentley
Osceola County Q. C. Deed #550 to M. L. Ledbetter
Sarasota County Q. C. Deed #388 to Ralph Harter.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two requests were presented for correction of errors appearing in original deeds conveying land in Dade and Hillsborough Counties, and information was furnished that the Attorney General's office has approved issuance of correction deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds:

Dade County Deed #4159-COR. to Leasty Hipp Short
Hillsborough Co. Deed #4752-COR. to A. N. Nelson.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Archie Clement presented application on behalf of the town of Tarpon Springs, Florida, for conveyance of

Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 19—Young's DeLuxe S/D, Pinellas County,

on which the town desires to drill a well for supplying water to the town.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Tarpon Springs

of the lots applied for upon payment of $5.00; conveyance to be made under provisions of Chapter 21684 with clause inserted that the land will be used for public purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District for conveyance of

> Lots 10 and 11, Less State Road R/W (Dale Mabry Highway) Winter Park, Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the District of the lots described upon payment of $5.00, deed to be issued under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the City of Palmetto, Florida, for reconsideration of action taken by the Trustees March 25, agreeing to convey the following described lots for a consideration of $605.00:

> 23 lots in Blocks E, F, G and H—Main Street S/D, City of Palmetto, Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees rescind action taken on March 25, on application from City of Palmetto, and now authorize sale of the lots at a price of $5.00 per lot, conditioned upon the land being used for public purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Clerk of Circuit Court of St. Lucie County, requesting instruction as to whether or not he should receive applications and advertise for sale the parcel of land described as:

> 11.5 acres in the S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County,

bid in by the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, on May 5, 1947, with an offer of $5,090.00, and which bid the Trustees declined on May 13.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees direct the Clerk to withdraw the land

from sale until further instructed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented requests from the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Pinellas, Putnam and Sarasota Counties for cancellation of certificates under the Murphy Act. Information was furnished that the requests had been referred to the Attorney General's office and recommendation had been received that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates submitted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates referred to as approved by the Attorney General's office. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that there would be transferred to General Revenue from May receipts under the Murphy Act the sum of $30,000.00, as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
Transfer to General Revenue.....$30,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
June 3, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

The Secretary presented for approval the minutes dated April 1, 15, 22 and 29, 1947, copies of which had been furnished to each member of the board.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the minutes as presented be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

On April 22, 1947, the Trustees considered application from T. L. Williams, Jr., with offer of $7.50 an acre for Hendry County land, and authorized the following notice published in the Hendry County News on May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
April 29th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 3rd, 1947, for the lands in HENDRY COUNTY, described as follows:

Sections 13, 24, 25, 26 and 36, Township 44 South, Range 33 East,
Sections 31 and 32, Township 44 South, Range 34 East,
Sections 2,3, E 1/2 of Section 6, all Sections 11 and 12, Township 45 South, Range 34 East,
Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 34 East.
containing 8,046.37 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for bids by the separate sections and as a whole tract, resulting in the highest offer of $7.60 an acre being made by J. J. Wiggins of Glades County for the total acreage of 7,406.37.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer of $7.60 an acre from Mr. Wiggins and confirm sale in his favor. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

(School Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 34 East is included in above advertisement and acted on by School Board.)

Based on application from Harry A. Hoffner with offer of $300.00 an acre for a parcel of land in Orange County, the Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only and the following notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
April 23rd, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 3rd, 1947, for the land in ORANGE COUNTY, described as follows:

Beginning at the extreme East corner of Lot "A" of Hoffner's Subdivision as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "F", Page 37, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and run S. 48° E. 101 ft. along the northeasterly line of said Lot "A" extended to the waters of Lake Conway, thence S. 42° 05' W. 171.4 ft. along said waters to southwesterly line of Lot 36 extended, thence N. 48° W. 120 ft. along said SWly line, thence along original Lot line N. 48° 25' E. 172.44 ft. to Point of beginning, containing 0.435 acres, lying and being in Section 18, Township 23 South, Rage 30 East.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustes I. I. Fund.

The land was called out and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Hoffner at the price offered.

At the meeting April 15, 1947, the Trustees authorized advertised for objections only land in Pinellas County, applied for by A. L. Pfau, Jr., on behalf of Leonard B. Schwarcz, upland owner, with offer of $300.00 an acre. Pursuant thereto the following notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
April 17th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 3rd, 1947, for the land in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

Starting at a point 4118.30 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 25, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, run South 20° 19′ East, 719.18 feet, thence South 89° 58′ East, 595.14 feet to a Point of Beginning, said point also being the Southeast Corner of Lot No. 8 of Herron's Subdivision No. 5 as recorded in Plat Book 21, Page 20, Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, run thence South 13° 03′ 30″ East 53.39 feet, thence South 89° 58′ East 90.00

feet, thence North 22° 58' 43" West 215.76 feet, thence North 89° 58' West 60.00 feet, thence South 16° 03' East 152.56 feet to the Point of Beginning. All lying and being in Government Lot 3, Section 25, Township 31 South, Rage 15 East, Treasure Island (Long Key), Pinellas County, Florida, and containing in all 0.47 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells reported that no protest had been filed to the sale, whereupon the land was called out for hearing objections if any. No objections were presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Schwarcz at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Frank Friend for purchase of the following described parcel:

Sovereignty land in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Containing 0.21 of an acre in Palm Beach County, Florida,

for which he offers $147.00, or on the basis of $700.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer of $700.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented application from Rodney Durrance, representing Middle Florida Sand Company—J. R. Scarbro, President—for transfer of Sand Lease #468 issued in favor

of R. R. Rich Company, information being furnished that assignment of the lease from Mr. Rich to applicant has been properly executed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve assignment of the lease to Middle Florida Sand Company on the following conditions:

> That all the terms and conditions of original lease be performed;
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> That the company will file monthly report giving amount of sand removed each day of the month;
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> That all trucks be marked with the Company's name for identification purposes;
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> That $300.00 cash payment be made, together with bond in amount of $1000.00 as guarantee of performance.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Scarbro agreed to the conditions as outlined by the Trustees.

Joint session—State Board of Education and Trustees—was called for considering Everglades National Park subjects.

In addition to the members present for the Trustees meeting, Mr. R. A. Gray, Secretary of State, and Mr. Colin English, Superintendent of Public Instruction, as members of the State Board of Education, were recorded as present.

Mr. Elliot, Secretary for the Trustees, reported that pursuant to action heretofore taken, subsequent to issuance of Deed #19035 dated December 28, 1944 from Trustees Internal Improvement Fund to the United States conveying land within the Everglades National Park boundaries, and in compliance with legislative acts and certain agreements between the Trustees and the Interior Department, the necessary instruments have been prepared and the approval of the Special Attorney for the Trustees has been given to such instruments. These cover those things necessary to be done as outlined in a telegram of April 2, 1947 from the Secretary of the Interior, covering,

1. Deed of Release
2. Acquisition of school land by Trustees in deed

of release boundaries, and conveyance by the Trustees to the United States.

3. State Warrant in amount of $2,000,000.00.

(The last item being not the concern of Trustees.)

Mr. Elliot further stated that in Deed #19035 to the United States oil and mineral rights were reserved and the Trustees agreed to convey to the United States such oil and mineral rights when outstanding leases expire or become terminated, the State, however, to reserve the right to customary royalty; also that the deed of release applies only to lands owned by Trustees within a restricted area indicated in blue lines on map displayed on which there are no outstanding oil and mineral leases except Lease #228 covering certain water bottoms which are specifically excepted from said release.

The instruments were presented as follows and explained:

a. Deed of release in favor of the United States covering oil and mineral rights in certain lands included in Deed #19035 dated December 28, 1944.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve deed of release as presented and authorize its execution. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Following is copy of the deed of release:

DEED OF RELEASE

DEED NO. 19035 "A"

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 3rd day of June, A. D. 1947, by and between the State of Florida through the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Grantor, and the United States of America, Grantee,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, by deed dated December 28, 1944, the State of Florida conveyed to the United States of America, for Wildlife conservation purposes and for subsequent inclusion within the Everglades National Park, all of the right, title and interest of the State of Florida in and to those lands (except school lands) lying within the boundary therein

described held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida or authorized for disposal by said Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the said deed dated December 28, 1944, reserved to the State of Florida the title to all oil, gas and other minerals and mineral rights to and under all of the lands included within said instrument, and provided for the revesting in the State of Florida of title to the said lands in the event said Everglades National Park is not established within ten (10) years from December 6, 1944; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America has agreed on behalf of the United States of America to establish the Everglades National Park upon the release to the United States of America by the State of Florida of such reserved oil, gas and other minerals and mineral rights in and under the lands hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are authorized by Chapter 23617, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1947, to release and convey to the United States of America all the oil, gas and other minerals and mineral rights owned by the State of Florida in, upon and under the lands included within the boundaries of the Everglades National Park:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the agreement of the grantee, acting through the Secretary of Interior, for the immediate establishment of the Everglades National Park, the State of Florida, by and through the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, has hereby remised, released and conveyed to the United States of America and its assigns all its right, title and interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals and mineral rights in and under the lands within a perimeter here described:

> Beginning at a point on the West Coast of the State of Florida and on the North line of fractional Section 29, Township 56 South, Range 31 East of Tallahassee Meridian, and where said Section line is intersected by the mean highwater line of the Gulf of Mexico;
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> thence, East along the North line of Section 28 and Section 27, to the Northeast corner of Section 27, Township 56 South, Range 31 East; thence in Township 56 South, Range 31 East, North along the West line of Section 23 to the

Northwest corner thereof, East along the North line of Section 23 to the Northwest corner of Section 24, North along the West line of Section 13 to the Northwest corner thereof, East along North line of Section 13 to the Northeast corner thereof; thence, North along the West line of Section 7, Township 56 South, Range 32 East, to the Northwest corner thereof;

thence, East along the North boundary lines of Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in Range 32 east, township 56 South, to the Northeast corner of Section 12 and East along the North boundary line of Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in Township 56 South, Range 33 East, to the Northeast corner of Section 12, Township 56 South, Range 33 East; thence South along the East line of Sections 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36, Township 56 South, Range 33 East, to the Southeast corner of Section 36; thence, East along the Township line between Townships 56 South and 57 South, to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 57 South, Range 36 East; thence, North along the East boundary of Township 56 South, Range 36 East, to a point West of the Northwest corner of Township 56 South, Range 37 East; thence East across the hiatus between Ranges 36 and 37 East to the Northwest corner of Township 56 South, Range 37 East;

Thence, East along the North line of Township 56 South, Range 37 East, to the Northeast corner thereof; thence South along the East line of Township 56 South, Range 37 East, to the Southeast corner thereof; thence West along the South line of Township 56 South, Range 37 East, to the Southwest corner of Township 56 South, Range 37 East;

thence, South along the West line of Township 57 South, Range 37 East, to a point East of the Southeast corner of Township 57 South, Range 36 East; thence, West across the hiatus between Ranges 36 and 37 to the Southeast corner of Township 57 South, Range 36 East; thence, West along the South line of Township 57 South, Range 36 East, to the Southwest corner thereof; thence South along the East line of Township 58 South, Range 35 East, to the Southeast corner of Township 58 South, Range 35 East; thence West on the South line of Township 58 South, to the intersection of said township line with the mean highwater mark of the Gulf of Mexico on the West

shore of Florida; thence, Northerly following the meanders of the mean highwater mark on the West Coast of Florida, to the point of beginning.

And excluding any privately-owned lands within the above perimeter in Sections 3, 10, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 in Township 57 South, Range 31 East; and in Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33, in Township 57 South, Range 32 East; and in Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 33 and 34 in Township 58 South, Range 32 East;

And excluding any streams under oil and mineral leases issued by the State of Florida and in force as of the date of this transfer, said streams being described as follows:

The estuaries, navigable waters and tributaries of the Shark River, Harney River, Broad Creek, South Rodgers River, Rodgers River, Lostmans River, Chatham River, Huston River, Alligator Bay, and Cannon Bay.

And including all of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15 and 26, the North Half of Section 10, the north half and Southeast quarter of Section 11, the North half of Section 22, the East Half of Section 23, the East Half and the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, in Township 58 South, Range 37 East of the Tallahassee Meridian.

And including all land in hiatus between the South boundary of Township 58 South and the North boundary of Township 59 South in Ranges 35 and 36 East.

PROVIDED, That upon the abandonment of the Everglades National Park at any time after its establishment, title to the oil, gas and other minerals and mineral rights hereby conveyed shall be revested in the State of Florida without further act on the part of either the United States or the State of Florida, and

PROVIDED FURTHER, that there is reserved to the State of Florida the right to customary royalties, applying at the time of production, in any oil, gas or other minerals which may be produced from the lands above described, should such production ever be authorized by the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have here-

unto subscribed their names and affixed the official seal of said Trustees, and have caused the seal of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on this the 3rd day of June, A. D. 1947.

STATE OF FLORIDA

BY:

(s) Millard F. Caldwell (SEAL)
Governor

(s) C. M. Gay (SEAL)
Comptroller

(s) J. Edwin Larson (SEAL)
Treasurer

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Attorney General

(s) Nathan Mayo (SEAL)
Commissioner of Agriculture

As and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida

ACCEPTED:
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Secretary of the Interior

DATE:----------

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b. Resolution by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, authorizing execution of deed of release.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly carried, that the following resolution be adopted by the Trustees:

RESOLUTION FOR TRUSTEES AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DEED OF RELEASE COVERING OIL AND MINERAL RIGHTS TO CERTAIN LANDS IN EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

WHEREAS, by Deed the 28th day of December, 1944, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund conveyed

to the United States certain lands within boundaries of proposed Everglades National Park, in which said deed is the following language:

> " . . . reserving unto the state of Florida the title to all oil, gas and other mineral rights in and under the lands included within the terms of this instrument . . . "

and

WHEREAS, a pre-requisite for acceptance by the United States of said lands for becoming a part of Everglades National Park is that conveyance shall be in fee simple, free of title reservations, including oil, phosphate and other minerals, and the Trustees having agreed to release said lands from said reservations as and when the status thereof with respect to outstanding oil and mineral leases would permit, and

WHEREAS, certain lands described in said deed of December 28, 1944, are not subject to oil and mineral leases and said reservations may be released as to lands not subject thereto, and the Secretary of the Interior of the United States having requested the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to execute deed of release relinquishing said lands from the reservations aforesaid, and has assented to the inclusion of a clause reserving to said Trustees customary royalty rights covering oil and minerals in, on or under said lands, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND,

that the deed of release exhibited to said Trustees, which the said Trustees have examined, releasing to the United States the oil and mineral rights heretofore referred to, but reserving to said Trustees customary royalty rights therein, is hereby approved and its execution authorized.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS 3rd day of June A. D. 1947.

(s) MILLARD F. CALDWELL
Millard F. Caldwell
Governor and Chairman

Attest: (s) F. C. ELLIOT
F. C. Elliot, Secretary

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c. Trustees Resolution.

(1) Conveyance of land held by Trustees outside of park area to State Board of Education for land inside of park area;

(2) Execution by Trustees of deed in favor of State Board of Education;

(3) Execution of deed by Trustees in favor of United States covering land acquired by Trustees from State Board of Education.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION FOR TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

RE: EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK LAND CONVEYANCE

WHEREAS, creation of Everglades National Park was authorized by Act of Congress May 30, 1934 (40 Stat. 816) as amended, and

WHEREAS, Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are authorized by Section 264.09, Florida Statutes 1941, to convey to the United States for inclusion in Everglades National Park all lands therein held by said Trustees, and said Trustees are authorized to acquire other lands in said park area and in turn to convey said lands to the United States for park purposes, and

WHEREAS, certain lands in said park area are owned by the State Board of Education and said Trustees desire to acquire the same for conveyance to the United States for inclusion in said park, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

1. That for the purpose aforesaid, said Trustees authorize conveyance of the following described lands, to-wit:

> Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 17 in Township 52 South, Range 35 East, containing a total of 7,680 acres, more or less, Dade County,

to the State Board of Education, subject to acceptance by said Board, as consideration for conveyance to Trustees of lands described as follows:

> Section 16 in each of the following townships and Ranges, South and East, Dade and Monroe Counties, Florida;

T. 56—R. 32; T. 56—R. 33; T. 56—R. 37; T. 57—R. 32; T. 57—R. 33; T. 57—R. 34; T. 57—R. 35; T. 57—R. 36; T. 58—R. 32; T. 58—R. 33; T. 58—R. 34; T. 58—R. 35, Containing 7,680 acres, more or less.

2. That upon acceptance of said conveyance by State Board of Education, said Trustees prepare and execute deed in favor of said Board conveying title to the lands herein above described in Township 52 South, Range 35 East, and that said deed be delivered to said Board upon delivery to Trustees of deed from said Board conveying to Trustees title to lands comprising Section 16 in each of the townships and ranges herein above referred to.

3. That upon receipt of deed from State Board of Education, the Trustees execute deed to the United States conveying the lands acquired by said Trustees from said Board, which said deed shall convey without reservation of oil and minerals, but shall contain a clause reserving to said Trustees the customary royalties thereon as provided by Chapter 23617, Acts of 1947, and that a reserving clause be included under which, in case of abandonment of Everglades National Park, title to the said land shall revert to said Trustees. That when so executed, said deed shall be delivered to the United States.

DONE AND ORDERED this 3rd day of June A. D. 1947.

(s) MILLARD F. CALDWELL
Millard F. Caldwell
Governor and Chiarman

Attest: (s) F. C. ELLIOT
F. C. Elliot, Secretary

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d. Resolution by State Board of Education, conveyance of land held by said Board inside the park area to Trustees for land outside the park area.

Motion was made by Mr. English, on behalf of the State Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Gray and duly carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION FOR STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RE: LAND CONVEYANCE EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

WHEREAS, creation of Everglades National Park was authorized by Act of Congress in 1934, and

WHEREAS, Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are authorized by law to convey to the United States land held by said Trustees in the park area and to acquire other lands in said area for inclusion in said park, and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education owns the following described land in Everglades National Park area, to-wit:

> Section 16 in each of the following townships and Ranges, South and East:
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> T. 56— R. 32; T. 56— R. 33; T. 56—R, 37; T. 57— R. 32; T. 57— R. 33; T. 57— R. 34; T. 57— R. 35; T. 57— R. 36; T. 58— R. 32; T. 58— R. 33; T. 58— R. 34; T. 58— R. 35, Containing 7,680 acres, more or less, in Dade and Monroe Counties,

and

WHEREAS, the Trustees desire to acquire said land for inclusion in said park and have offered as consideration therefor the following described lands:

> Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 17 in Township 52 South, Range 32 East, containing 7,680 acres, more or less, Dade County,

and the State Board of Education desiring to cooperate in the creation of said park and being of the opinion that the land offered by the Trustees to be conveyed to said Board is of equal area and not less in value than that requested to be conveyed by this Board; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, that the proposal of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for acquisition of land hereinabove referred to be accepted and that said Board prepare and execute deed in favor of said Trustees conveying title to the lands hereinabove described as Section 16 in each of the townships and ranges named, and that said deed be delivered to said Trustees upon delivery to the Board of deed from Trustees conveying to said Board the land herein described in Township 52 South, Range 35 East, Dade County.

DONE AND ORDERED this 3rd day of June A. D. 1947.

(s) MILLARD F. CALDWELL
Millard F. Caldwell
Governor and Chairman

Attest: (s) COLIN ENGLISH
Colin English, Secretary

e. Deed from Trustees to State Board of Education.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly carried, that the Trustees approve execution of the following deed from the Trustees to the State Board of Education:

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, STATE OF FLORIDA

DEED NO. 19270

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the undersigned, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar ($1.00), and the conveyance to said Trustees by the State Board of Education of the State of Florida of certain lands described as follows:

Section 16 in each of the Townships South and Ranges East:

In Monroe County, Florida				In Dade County, Florida			
Township	56—	Range	32	Township	56—	Range	37
"	56—	"	33	"	57—	"	35
"	57—	"	32	"	57—	"	36
"	57—	"	33	"	58—	"	35
"	57—	"	34				
"	58—	"	32				
"	58—	"	33				
"	58—	"	34				

Containing a total of Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Acres (7680), more or less. Deed from said Board bearing date the 3rd day of June, A. D. 1947, having been delivered, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have granted and do by these presents grant and convey unto the said State Board of Education of the State of Florida forever, the following described lands, to-wit:

Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, in Township 52 South, Range 35 East,

containing a total of Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Acres, more or less, lying and being in the county of Dade, in said State of Florida.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted and described premises unto the said State Board of Education of the State of Florida forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said Trustees have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals, and have caused the seal of "THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA" to be hereunto affixed, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on this the 3rd day of June, A. D. 1947.

(s) Millard F. Caldwell (SEAL)
Governor

Seal (s) C. M. Gay (SEAL)
Comptroller

(s) J. Edwin Larson (SEAL)
Seal Treasurer

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Attorney General

(s) Nathan Mayo (SEAL)
Commissioner of Agriculture

As and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

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f. Deed from State Board of Education to Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. English, on behalf of the State Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Gray and carried, that the following deed be approved and execution authorized:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, STATE OF FLORIDA
DEED NO. 4318

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the State Board of Education of the State of Florida, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar ($1.00), and the conveyance to said Board by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida of certain lands described as follows:

Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, of Township 52 South, Range 35 East,

Containing Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty (7680) acres, more or less, situated in Dade County, Florida, deed thereto from said Trustees bearing date of the 3rd day of June, A. D. 1947, having been delivered, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have granted, and by

these presents do grant and convey unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida forever, the following described lands, to-wit:

Section 16 in each of the Townships South and Ranges East:
Township 56, Range 32; Township 56, Range 33;
Township 57, Range 32; Township 57, Range 33;
Township 57, Range 34; Township 58, Range 32;
Township 58, Range 33; Township 58, Range 34;
Lying and being in Monroe County, Florida,

and

Section 16 in each of the Townships South and Ranges East:
Township 56, Range 37; Township 57, Range 35;
Township 57, Range 36; Township 58, Range 35;
Lying and being in Dade County State of Florida,

containing a total of Seven Thousand six hundred and eighty (7680) acres, more or less, and lying and being in the Counties aforesaid, in said State of Florida.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted and described premises unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The members of said Board have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals, and have caused the seal of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on this the 3rd day of June, A. D. 1947.

(s) Millard F. Caldwell (SEAL)
Governor

(s) R. A. Gray (SEAL)
Secretary of State

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Attorney-General

(s) J. Edwin Larson (SEAL)
Treasurer

(Seal)

(s) Colin English (SEAL)
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

As and constituting the State Board of Education of the State of Florida.

ATTEST:

(s) Nathan Mayo
Commissioner of Agriculture

g. Deed from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the United States, conveying land acquired by Trustees from the State Board of Education.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly carried, that the following deed be approved by the Trustees and execution authorized:

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, STATE OF FLORIDA

DEED NO. 19271

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the undersigned Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, for and in consideration of the agreements on the part of the United States that the lands hereinafter described shall be made a part of the Everglades National Park and maintained as other lands located therein, and certain other agreements in connection therewith, do hereby grant and by these presents do grant and convey unto the United States of America the following described lands, to-wit:

Section 16 in each of the Townships South and Ranges East:

In Monroe County, Florida				In Dade County, Florida			
Township	56—	Range	32	Township	56—	Range	37
"	56—	"	33	"	57—	"	35
"	57—	"	32	"	57—	"	36
"	57—	"	33	"	58—	"	35
"	57—	"	34				
"	58—	"	32				
"	58—	"	33				
"	58—	"	34				

Containing a total of Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Acres (7680), more or less, provided that upon the abandonment of the Everglades National Park at any time after its establishment, title to all lands herein conveyed shall revest in the State of Florida without further act on the part of either the United States or the State of Florida, and

PROVIDED FURTHER, that there is reserved to the State of Florida the right of customary royalties applying at the time of production in all oil, gas or other minerals which may be produced from the lands above described, should such production ever be authorized by the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed the official seal of said Trustees, and have caused the seal of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on this the 3rd day of June, A. D. 1947.

STATE OF FLORIDA

BY:

(s) Millard F. Caldwell (SEAL)
Governor

(s) C. M. Gay (SEAL)
Comptroller

Seal

(s) J. Edwin Larson (SEAL)
Treasurer

Seal

---------- (SEAL)
Attorney General

(s) Nathan Mayo (SEAL)
Commissioner of Agriculture

As and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

ACCEPTED:
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Secretary of the Interior

DATE:----------

It was ordered by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and by the State Board of Education, jointly, that the Secretary of the Trustees furnish the Secretary of the Interior with executed copies of instruments as directly affecting the United States, and copies of instruments between the Trustees and the State Board of Education which indirectly affect the United States.

Mr. Elliot called attention to report he made to the Trustees May 13, on H. B. #461 for relief of Charlton C. Anderson calling for payment by the State of $5000.00, and subsequent approval by three members of the board for

payment of $400.00 to Mr. Anderson in full settlement of all claims described in the bill conditioned upon immediate withdrawal from the legislature of said bill #461.

Mr. Elliot stated that thorough investigation was made of the case and representatives of Mr. Anderson accepted the offer from the Trustees and the bill was withdrawn from the legislature.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that action taken by Mr. Elliot be approved and that warrant in amount of $400.00 be drawn in favor of Mr. Anderson. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Roger M. Weeks with offer of $5.00 an acre for twenty (20) year lease covering the following described land, title to which came to the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District:

Tracts 60 and 61, Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Containing 20 acres in Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize a lease from year to year, subject to renewal for a period of five years, upon payment of $5.00 an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees having authorized payment of $400.00 to Charlton C. Anderson, the Comptroller was requested to issue warrant as follows:

Charlton C. Anderson
Fort Pierce, Florida

Received of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund Warrant #387255 in the amount of $400.00 in full settlement of any and all claim in connection with deed from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund dated October 31, 1883, known as Entry #12401, conveying Lots 1, 2 and 3, Section 3, Township 1 South, Range 28 East, containing 64.94 acres in Duval County.....$400.00

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids were regular in all respects, have been properly checked and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Dixie	5/26/47	2
Duval	3/6/47	3
Duval	4/15/47	51
Indian River	5/19/47	67
Monroe	5/14/47	198
Okaloosa	6/26/46	1
Osceola	5/12/47	72
Taylor	4/25/47	1
Volusia	5/7/47	28
Washington	5/20/47	3

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for correction deed in favor of J. H. Anderson, original deed having given the wrong date.

The Attorney General's office having approved issuance of correction deed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deed:

Dixie County Deed #91-COR. to J. H. Anderson. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported four applications for release of state road right of way in deeds issued conveying land in Dade and Hillsborough Counties; also information that the State Road Department had recommended releases requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds:

Dade County Q. C. Deed #2597 to John O. Olsen;
Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #08-Chap. 21684 to Louis H. Spiner;
Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed #08-Chap. 21684 to Ivy R. Robison.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that the City of Palmetto has elected to acquire title to 23 lots within the City limits by paying an amount equal to the base bid, rather than take title pursuant to action of the Trustees May 27, authorizing sale for consideration of $5.00 conditioned upon the land being used for public purposes. The City proposes to dedicate a portion of the land for school purposes, but without conveyance of title, and use the other lots for purposes as desired.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize deed under Chapter 21684 in favor of the City of Palmetto, conveying the lots in Manatee County described in minutes of May 27, 1947, upon payment of an amount equal to the base bid. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot called attention to sale of May 21, 1947—Report #89—of Alachua County land to H. F. Wellman with a bid of $603.00. It was explained that this was the second sale held for the parcel and the City of Archer now protests conveyance to Mr. Wellman, stating that the parcel is desired for park and playground purposes.

The Trustees directed that the bid be held in abeyance pending further consideration of the question. It was so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
June 10, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells presented request from W. T. Bridges of Polk City, Florida, that the Trustees allow more liberal terms for discharged veterans than prevails with other purchasers of State land.

Upon discussion of the request, Mr. Watson moved that Mr. Bridges be informed that the policy of the Trustees, in the sale of State land, is sufficiently elastic to allow making different terms if they so desire and that consideration would be given to each case individually when presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that Atlantic Engineering Corporation, holder of Leases #274 and #414, was not living up to the conditions of the two leases according to his views and suggested that an investigation be made and if it develops that they were not in active operation May 4th as required that the leases be cancelled.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that action be deferred until an investigation by the Attorney General's office now in process can be reported to the Trustees. Motion seconded by Mr. Gay and upon vote adopted.

Request was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County for conveyance of a parcel of land to be used as right of way for public highway purposes, said parcel being described as:

A strip of land 50 feet wide, measured 25 feet on each side of the center line of the road, within

the meander of Lake Osborne, in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize deed in favor of Palm Beach County conveying the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from George Westervelt for purchase of

Approximately 80 acres of land in Section 34, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, Highlands County,

at a price of $30.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline the offer, the value placed on the property being considerably higher. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $42.00 was presented from Willie Stokes for purchase of

0.06 of an acre of lake bottom land adjacent to Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 1—J. E. Carter Re-Sub. near Canal Point, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Stokes for the parcel described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of $2000.00 from Kenneth Keyes on behalf of A. N. Sakhnovsky for purchase of 190 lots described as follows, title to which vested in the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District:

Lots in Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Redland Bowers S/D of Section 36, Township 56 South, Range 38 East, Containing approximately 40 acres in Dade County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer of $2000.00 and make counter proposal to accept $3000.00 for the lots described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented telegram from Thomas J. Allen, Regional Director, U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, requesting that deed of release (authorized by Trustees June 3, 1947) include "description so that oil and mineral rights will be released from total of land included in 1944 deed to lands transferred from Florida to Interior Department." Mr. Elliot suggested that it would not be practical now to include such lands in the deed of release as it will probably be necessary to execute additional instruments when the oil leases expire or become extinguished.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Elliot take the matter up by telephone with Mr. Allen for adjustment along the lines suggested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot called attention to several other matters in connection with the transfer of land to the United States as follows, with suggestions as to each subject:

1. Certain lands within the park area which are covered by mortgages held by the State.
   Suggestion: That such lands be included in condemnation proceedings by the United States when that phase of the work is taken up. This will relieve the Trustees of foreclosing these mortgages.
2. With reference to Murphy Act lands, suggest that deed be issued under Chapter 21684 to the Trustees I. I. Fund under Chapter 610 and the Trustees then convey said land to the United States.
3. The question of residual interest held by the Trustees in land heretofore sold within the park area, containing oil and mineral reservations, will probably have to be dealt with.

   Suggestion: That in order for all title to be vested in the United States, the Trustees issue deed of release covering the fifty and seventy-five per cent interest respectively, which the Trustees hold through reservations, including retained interest in Murphy Act lands, however, reserving the customary royalty.
4. Possible necessity for exchange of land with State Board of Education.

It not being deemed necessary at this time to dispose of subjects under 1, 2 and 3, no action was taken.

With reference to 4, the State Board of Education and the Trustees jointly authorize exchange should it become necessary. It was so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly adopted, that the following bill be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant in payment therefor:

W. E. Brown Decorating Company, Atlanta, Georgia
Services and expense furnishing and decorating
Governor's office and Board room.....$267.55

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	5/21/47	6
Bay	6/2/47	13
Clay	5/31/47	1
Clay	6/7/47	1
Dade	5/23/47	6
Martin	5/27/47	20
Manatee	6/2/47	9
Pinellas	3/18/47	11
Polk	4/30/47	35
Suwannee	3/10/47	1
Suwannee	2/10/47	1
St. Lucie	6/2/47	32
St. Johns	5/15/47	108
Volusia	6/2/47	40

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve the report and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for release of road right of way in Osceola County Deed No. 170 to Ruth Tobin, together with recommendation from the State Road Department that such release be made.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize execution of Osceola County Q. C. Deed No. 170 to Ruth Tobin, releasing the right of way as approved by the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported in connection with Alachua County land bid in by H. F. Wellman May 21, 1947 at a price of $603.00, that the City of Archer had filed protest, which if allowed will be the third sale of the property. The City's protest is based on the ground that the land is desired for park and playground purposes.

Mr. Elliot recommends that no action be taken at this time and that both parties be required to file statement with Trustees, prior to date to be fixed for hearing the case.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees follow the recommendation of the Secretary. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Jack S. Clyatt for refund of $125.00 involving land conveyed in Pinellas County Deed No. 3876 dated October 24, 1946. Subsequent examination disclosed that the property was owned by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and taxes have been paid thereon from 1933 to 1946, inclusive.

Mr. Elliot recommended that upon reconveyance of the parcel the Trustees refund amount of bid plus Clerk's costs —$29.20—the remainder making up requested refund being expenditures incurred by Mr. Clyatt in surveying and improving the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize refund of $29.20 as recommended by the Secretary, upon receipt of quit claim deed from Mr. Clyatt to the Trustees conveying title back to the State. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for allowance of second protest to sale of Sumter County land described as:

> NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, and E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 23 East, containing 12 1/2 acres.

Information was furnished that Lula Pea, Thomas and E. L. Williams, all colored people, are heirs of former owner and at the sale of May 12, 1947, one of the heirs was present but being unfamiliar with the procedure did not compete in the bidding.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Watson, that under the circumstances as related the Trustees authorize allowance of second protest provided applicant immediately deposits with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sumter County the amount necessary for new advertisement and sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
June 14, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

The Attorney General presented four deeds submitted to him for signature, all having been approved by the Trustees June 3, 1947. Mr. Watson returned the following deeds without his signature, accompanying each with memorandum dated June 13, 1947, stating his reason for withholding his signature:

Deed No. 19271—from Trustees to the United States describing certain school lands acquired from the State School Board in Dade and Monroe Counties, totaling 7,680 acres;

Deed No. 19035 "A"—Deed of Release;
Deed No. 4318—from the State Board of Education of Florida to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

Deed No. 19270—from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the State Board of Education in consideration of school lands transferred to Trustees for retransfer to the United States to make up a part of the Everglades National Park.

Mr. Watson expressed himself as being opposed to the transaction, stating that he questioned the entire proposed Everglades National Park project in its legality and set forth in the Memoranda his reasons therefor.

Mr. Watson moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion lost for lack of a second.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to instructions from the Trustees June 10, he had talked with Mr. Allen, of the National Park Service, by telephone, and following such conversation draft of proposed resolution was prepared for carrying out certain things necessary to be done, one of which was including in deed of release a parcel of land bordering on the south and adjoining the main body covered by deed of December 1944; that the following resolution had been adopted by three members of the Trustees—the Governor, Comptroller Gay and State Treasurer Larson.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior on behalf of the United States, and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on behalf of the State of Florida have heretofore agreed to certain things in connection with the creation of Everglades National Park in Florida and have completed those things necessary to be done leading to the creation of said Park covering certain restricted areas as a temporary land nucleus for said Park, and

WHEREAS it is proposed to expand said nucleus area to include ultimately all land within the Park boundaries as agreed upon December 1944 between the Secretary of the Interior and the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund, and

WHEREAS a prerequisite to inclusion of land to comprise said Park is that title shall be in the United States, free from encumbrances and reservations, and

WHEREAS on December 28, 1944, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund conveyed to the United States all land within agreed Park boundaries owned by said Trustees, but in said conveyance reserved all oil and mineral rights in, on or under said land with the understanding between the Department of the Interior and the Trustees

that said reservations would be released as and when opportunity shall be afforded therefor; and in pursuance of such understanding the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did on 3 June, 1947, execute and deliver to the United States deed releasing the oil and mineral rights as to certain lands therein described, and

WHEREAS other land included in said deed of December 28, 1944, has not been freed of said oil and mineral reservations, said land for the most part being subject to oil and mineral contracts and leases to various companies for the exploration and development of oil, and it being necessary to await such time as said contracts and leases expire or shall become terminated before said Trustees may release said land from oil and mineral reservations hereinbefore referred to; now theefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEBENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

1. That in pusuance and in consideration of agreements and commitments heretofore made between the Secretary of the Interior on behalf of the United States, acting under authority of law enacted by the Congress, and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on behalf of the State of Florida, acting under authority of law enacted by the Legislature of Florida, and for cooperating with the United States in the furtherance of Everglades National Park in Florida, said Trustees hereby agree to release in favor of the United States all oil and mineral rights not heretofore released covering all land included in deed from the Trustees to the United States bearing date 28th December 1944, as and when existing oil and mineral contracts and leases shall expire or shall become terminated provided, however, that there shall be reserved to said Trustees, as heretofore agreed between the Secretary of the Interior and said Trustees, the customary royalty thereon as and when oil and other minerals shall be produced from said land under authority of the United States and that no extension or modification of said leases will be granted nor additional leases issued on said land.

2. That as and when the United States takes title to privately owned land within said Park area, title to which said land passed out of the State subject to reservations for oil and minerals in favor of the Trustees, said Trustees will release said land from said reservations subject to the condition with respect to royalty as referred to in paragraph 1 hereof.

3. That in view of applicable laws of Congress and laws of the State of Florida, and in consideration of agreements and commitments made between the Secretary of the Interior and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, representing their respective principals and the contractural relation thereby established between said principals, this resolution shall be considered as a binding agreement on the part of said Trustees and shall not be altered, amended or rescinded by said Trustees without the mutual consent of the parties referred to herein.

DONE AND ORDERED this 14th day of June A. D. 1947.

(s) MILLARD F. CALDWELL
Millard F. Caldwell
Governor and Chairman

Attest: (s) F. C. ELLIOT
F. C. Elliot, Secretary

Mr. Watson asked that he not be considered as giving approval to adoption of the resolution.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
June 16, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries and necessary and regular expenses be approved by the Trustees and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 425.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Clerk, Land & Records	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney	400.00
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida	
To Principal of State School Fund	12,479.23
Frank J. Heintz, Tallahassee, Fla.	
Expenses in connection with case of Trustees vs Wilson Cypress Company	52.64
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	52.20
The Tallahassee Daily Democrat, Tallahassee, Fla.	12.00
Ross C. Sawyer, C. C. C. Monroe County Key West, Florida	2.65
Marchant Calculating Machine Company Oakland, California	490.00
TOTAL	$15,676.72

Financial Statements for the month of May, 1947, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of May 1, 1947		$ 995,378.73
Receipts for the Month		
Land Sales	$29,307.24	
Land Sales—Chap. 14717—Broward Co.	2,000.00	
Land Sale—Chap. 14572—Sarasota Co.	1,100.00	
Farm Lease	10,000.00	
Mineral Leases	100.00	
Oil Lease	260.00	
Sand & Shell Leases	7,920.24	
Timber Leases	2,729.93	
Grazing Leases	2,114.84	
Campsite Lease	100.00	
Miscellaneous Lease	14.18	
Refund of E.D.D. and S.F.C.D. Taxes	3,192.55	
Interest	24.01	
Fill Material	168.00	
Refund of Expense	14.00	

Sale of Trustee Minutes	4.00	
Total Receipts	59,048.99	59,048.99
TOTAL		1,054,427.72
Less Disbursements for the month of May, 1947		7,691.04
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1947		1,046,736.68

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MAY, 1947

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
5-8-47	348639	Cyril Baldwin	$ 156.00
5-22-47	364845	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	39.52
	364846	Ross C. Sawyer CCC	2.05
	364847	J. Alex Arnette CCC	1.65
	364848	Southeastern Telephone Co.	6.70
	364849	Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.68
	364850	J. Alex Arnette CCC	2.25
	364851	Capital Office Equipment Co.	.84
	364852	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	18.21
	364853	W. R. Lott CCC	1.55
	364854	Ray E. Green CCC	1.95
	364855	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	7.50
	364856	State Treas.—Tr. to Prin. Sch. Fd.	158.01
5-31-47	380090	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	380091	M. O. Barco	145.50
	380092	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	380093	J. B. Lee	19.00
	380094	W. B. Granger	47.50
	380095	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
	380096	A. C. Bridges	259.65
	380097	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	380098	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	380099	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
	380102	W. Turner Wallis	1,248.13
	380103	Couch Manufacturing Company	3,456.00
		5% Retirement Fund	51.00
		Withholding Tax	385.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1947			$7,691.04

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of May 1, 1947	$61,159.89
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1947	$61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of May 1, 1947	$1,701.40
Reecipts for the Month	-0-
Disbursements for the Month	310.65
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1947	$1,390.75

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of May 1, 1947	$67,566.72
Receipts for the Month	49,048.87
TOTAL	116,615.59
Less Disbursements for the Month	31,594.00
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1947	$85,021.59

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
5-6-47	346192	Lewis F. Richards	$ 46.00
	346193	R. W. Baughman	155.00
5-23-47	365344	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	30,000.00
5-31-47	379183	Ernest Hewitt	261.20
	379184	J. R. Roberts	182.30
	379185	M. O. Barco	23.75
	379186	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	379187	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	379188	Bonnie G. Shelfer	136.25
	379189	Elizabeth M. Goode	144.45
	379190	Vivian A. Dedicos	140.20
	379191	Mary Clare Pichard	148.10
	379192	Evelyn C. Shaw	124.30
		5% Retirement Fund	30.95
		Withholding Tax	126.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1947			$31,594.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries and necessary and regular expenses and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 286.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Clerk, Land & Records	25.00

Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Bonnie G Shelfer, Clerk	165.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk	175.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	150.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Clerk, Stenographer	160.00
Evelyn C. Shaw, Clerk	150.00
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	18.20
Western Union Telegraph Company, Tallahassee	.48
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Florida	4.85
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	1.52
Sam Harmon, C/o Geo. E. Evans, CCC Alachua County, Gainesville, Florida Refund all Deed No. 1353	7.50
TOTAL	$1,425.55

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
June 24, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

The Secretary having presented minutes of the Trustees for consideration, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that Minutes of the Trustees dated May 6, 13 and 20, 1947, be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney, requested authority of the Trustees to bring suit attacking the validity of two

legislative acts—Chapter 8305, Special Acts of 1919, and Chapter 11616, Special Acts of 1925, which purport to give to the City of Miami a certain portion of Biscayne Bay outside of the city limits covering a part of what is now Burlingame Island and that the E. N. Claughton case has made the City of Miami defendant along with the Trustees. Information is that in the event the two acts of legislature, above referred to, are declared valid the City will make arrangements to transfer to the Claughtons title to that part included in Burlingame Island, and the Trustees will lose the lawsuit.

Motion by Mr. Watson was that the special attorney be not given authority to raise any question of constitutionality with respect to the acts of the legislature under which the City of Miami received its title to the land that is involved in this matter, my reason being that,

1. Such law has heretofore been treated by the Trustees as valid, by recognizing the rightfulness of the title of the City of Miami to the lands which the acts affect;

2. I believe that in as much as the lands are sovereign lands the legislative acts relating to them gave due recognition of the trust that vests in the State over such sovereign lands, and when grant of title was made by such legislative authority there can be no complaint against a disregard of the trust existing over such lands.

The motion not being seconded, failed of adoption.

Mr. Parker stated that in his opinion the acts are invalid and that the legislature has no authority to give away such lands.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that Mr. Parker, special attorney, be authorized to institute suit on behalf of the Trustees for testing the validity of the two chapters referred to as authorizing conveyance of State land to the City of Miami. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

The Trustees recessed to meet at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

Pursuant to recess, the Trustees reconvened at 2:30 P. M. with the same members present, except Mr. Watson.

Mr. Wells reported that Atlantic Engineering Corporation, lessees under Leases 274 and 414, had been requested

to show cause why their leases should not be cancelled for failure to comply with the terms of assignment from previous lessees requiring active operation under said leases by May 4, 1947; that in company with Mr. Baldwin he had made an investigation of the operations and found that a large pile of sand had been thrown up a few days prior to May 4, but he did not consider that the company was in active operation as required by the leases and was of the opinion that they were subject to cancellation at this time for failure to carry out the terms of the contracts; that he has been informed by Wm. C. Casperson and associates that they planned to invest $25,000.00 in the business but upon investigation on the ground, and after putting up $13,000.00, they (Casperson and associates) had severed all connection with the lessees and were going to make application for similar lease on a different area.

Mr. Robert M. Thomson, Attorney, and Mr. Floyd E. Snow, one of the lessees, were present and represented to the board that they were not in default under their leases; that all monthly payments have been met; that they were in active operation on May 4, 1947, and denied that Mr. Casperson had put $13,000.00 into the operations. Mr. Snow furnished figures as to the pay roll over a period of several weeks, a statement of expenditures for equipment on hand and certain machinery which had been ordered but not delivered; information as to analysis and examination of the ore by a mining engineer; also that the Company will pay to the Trustees by the end of June, for sand mined during the month of May and up to June 7, $454.71.

Governor Caldwell expressed the opinion that the company has forfeited the leases and that the State has been getting nothing out of the operation to amount to anything, however, that if the other members are agreeable he is willing to allow sixty (60) days within which the Atlantic Engineering Corporation is to show evidence and convince the Trustees that it has the ability to do the job and the obligation to have the plant in operation within the sixty days; that Dr. Herman Gunter, State Geologist, be requested to make a study of this question and determine what will be necessary to a successful operation, and if proper showing is made by the company, compared with the requirements recommended by the State Geologist, the Trustees then give a new lease for a period of five (5) years at the same rate as carried in Leases 274 and 414 but with different time element. Mr. Gay and Mr. Larson being in accord with the views expressed by the Governor, it was ordered that such be the action of the Trustees.

Upon inquiry from Mr. Snow as to whether the Trustees considered the leases now held by his company as being active, Governor Caldwell replied that, speaking for himself, he considered the leases forfeited, which opinion was concurred in by the other members, and further that it be understood that the leases were not in force and effect at this time.

Mr. Wells presented application from O. B. McClure to purchase

> 0.45 of an acre of sovereignty land adjacent to Lots A-78 to A-83, inclusive, in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County,

for which he offers $315.00, or on basis of $700.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on offer from Mr. McClure. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $100.00 an acre was presented from L. M. Butler on behalf of L. H. Zinsser, for purchase of Pinellas County land described as:

> 5.67 acres of submerged land in the Southwest corner of NE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East,

located adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer from Mr. Zinsser. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from C. G. Johnson with offer of $77.00 for purchase of

> Sovereignty land abutting on Lot A-43 of Supplemental Plat of Fractional Section 18, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, containing 0.11 of an acre in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only, based on offer from Mr. Johnson. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $300.00 an acre was submitted from Troy C. Musselwhite on behalf of Herbert Morris and Elizabeth C. White, for purchase of a small parcel of land in Orange County, adjacent to upland property, described as:

> 0.06 of an acre of Lake Conway land abutting Lot 13 of Waterwitch Club, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "K", Page 69 of the Public Records of Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on offer from Mr. Musselwhite for his clients. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of land in Hillsborough and Palm Beach counties desired in connection with State roads.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize deeds for conveying parcels of land designated as follows:

> Hillsborough County—Right of way for Davis Causeway across a part of Old Tampa Bay located in Sections 12 and 13, Township 29 South, Range 17 East, lying within 400 feet each side of the survey line of State Road #60—Sec. 1014;
> Palm Beach County—Parcel of land adjacent to bridge and fill across Lake Worth at Riviera, being the submerged and tidal lands in Sections 28 and 27, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, and located within from 50 to 150 feet of the center line of State Road #703—Sec. 9308.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $15.00 an acre from L. Maxcy for

> 263 acres known as Tract 1 in Section 17, Township 39 South, Range 37 East, Martin County,

for the reason that the appraised value is considerably higher. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees on May 6, 1947, considered application from Elbert Moore, on behalf of Mrs. Victor Licata, with offer of $200.00 an acre for Hillsborough County land, and authorized advertisement for objections only. The following notice was published in The Tampa Tribune on May 16, 23, 30 and June 6 and 13, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
May 13th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 17th, 1947, the following described land in HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY:

A parcel of submerged bay bottom land lying west of and adjacent to Lots 22 to 29, inclusive, and an unsurveyed lot north of Lot 29, in Causeway Sites, Unit #2 Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 26, Page 86, Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, said parcel containing approximately 1.5 acres.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.
THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

A quorum of the Trustees not being present on date advertised for the sale, consideration was postponed.

Mr. Wells reported that objections were filed by Port Authority of Tampa.

Upon consideration of the objections, the Trustees were of the opinion that they were not sufficient to upset the sale, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees consummate sale in favor of Mrs. Licata at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

On April 29, 1947, the Trustees considered application from Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of A. E. Smith, and authorized advertisement for objections only of land in Pinellas County, applicant agreeing to pay $100.00 an acre for the property. The following notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on May 16, 23, 30, June 6 and 13, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida, May 3rd, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 17th, 1947, for the land in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

All that submerged land in Boca Ceiga Bay lying between the West line of Lot 39, Jungle Shores No. 5 as recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 26, Records of Pinellas County, Florida, and a line parallel to and 800 feet west thereof and between the north and south boundary lines produced of Lot 39, Jungle Shores No. 5, the northeast corner of Lot 39, Jungle Shores No. 5 being west 590 feet and north 1562 feet from the southeast corner of Government Lot 3, Sec. 12, Twp. 31 South, Rge. 15 East, containing approximately 1.56 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

A quorum of the board not being present on date advertised for sale, action thereon was deferred.

Mr. Wells reported that no objections had been filed or presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Larson,

seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of A. E. Smith at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

At the request of the State Board of Education the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, upon motion of Mr. Larson seconded by Mr. Gay, agreed to employ the law firm of Ausley, Collins and Truett to represent the State Board of Education in the suit filed by the Attorney General on June 19, 1947, entitled

J. Tom Watson, as Attorney General
vs
Millard F. Caldwell, et al, as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and
Millard F. Caldwell, et al., as State Board of Education,

the fee to be fixed later and method of payment to be determined. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that said bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked, and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Citrus	3/22/47	9
Citrus	5/3/47	3
Dade	6/4/47	15
Hamilton	6/9/47	1
Hardee	10/7/46	14
Hardee	11/4/46	17
Hardee	12/2/46	12
Lake	6/9/47	16
Marion	6/2/47	14
Palm Beach	6/6/47	28
Polk	4/30/47	1
Putnam	6/7/47	5
Volusia	6/2/47	41
Broward	4/21/47	211
Broward	5/19/47	100
Clay	6/14/47	2
Gadsden	6/9/47	2
Hamilton	6/9/47	1
Holmes	6/17/47	1

Indian River	6/16/47	13
Jefferson	6/11/47	6
Martin	5/12/47	1
Osceola	5/12/47	1
Pasco	6/2/47	6
Palm Beach	3/27/47	5
Palm Beach	4/11/47	1
Pinellas	5/20/47	93
Polk	5/29/47	11
Sarasota	6/16/47	33
Suwannee	6/9/47	4

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented for release of road reservation in two deeds issued to E. B. O'Hara, involving Putnam County land, and information was furnished that the State Road Department had approved release of the reservations requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize release of the right of ways as approved by the Road Department and execution of the following deeds:

Putnam County Q. C. Deed No. 532 to E. B. O'Hara

Putnam County Q. C. Deed No. 704 to E. B. O'Hara.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented for correction to be made in Baker County Deed No. 58, together with approval from the Attorney General's office that such correction be made.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deed:

Baker County Deed No. 58-COR. to B. J. Padgett.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for conveyance by the Trustes of title to a parcel of

land in Volusia County desired for borrow pit purposes. Offer of $5.00 accompanied the application, which amount is equal to base bid required under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance of deed to the State Road Department covering the following described land:

> South 836 feet of East 209 feet of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Containing 4 acres in Volusia County,

conveyance to be made under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Florida Board of Forestry and Parks requests conveyance of Liberty County land located within the boundaries of Torreya State Park, designated as follows:

> 384 acres in Sections 9, 16, 17, 20 and 21 of Township 2 North, Range 7 West.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land described upon payment of $5.00, deed to be issued under provisions of Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $5.00 was presented from Okeechobee County for purchase of

> Lots 13 and 14 in Block "B" New Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida.

The offer being in excess of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of the lots described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

At the request of T. M. Sellar, Lake County Special Case was presented for reconsideration. It was explained that the Special Case Committee recommended, and the Trustees approved, advertisement of the land with a base bid of $150.00. Applicant now asks that such amount be reduced to $37.50, the original offer.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to rescind former action and stand by price of $150.00 as base bid. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Consideration was requested in connection with Pasco County Special case, involving land applied for by Gladys M. Hylton. Information was furnished that the case was handled in January 1946 and the Committee recommended advertisement of the land with a base bid of $250.00 covering 715 lots in Gulf View S/D with 1932 assessed value of $7,150.00; that no sale was held until June 2, 1947, when the Clerk advertised the land in accordance with action taken in January 1946

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline bid of $250.00 and authorize sale for $500.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, that the Trustees decline bid of $62.50 from L. S. Fernald for purchase of the following described land:

> South 15 feet of Lot 14 and Lots 15 and 16, L. S. Fernald's Subdivision, Pinellas County,

and convey said lots, together with Lot 17 of the same subdivision to the City of Tarpon Springs for $10.00.

It was represented that the City acquired title to the lots several years ago but the unpaid taxes were overlooked at the time.

Upon suggestion from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to decline bid of Mr. Fernald for the lots described and convey the same to the City of Tarpon Springs provided the city will offer amount of high bid plus ten percent—$68.75—and upon evidence of former ownership as to Lot 17, same subdivision, the Trustees will convey said lot for a consideration of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees agreed to have a hearing August 5, 1947, on protested sale of Alachua County land located at Archer, Florida, bid in by H. F. Wellman on May 21st and protest filed by City of Archer. The Secretary was requested to notify interested parties of the date fixed for hearing. It was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported that the following transfer would be made to General Revenue Fund from June receipts under Chapter 18296:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
Transfer to General Revenue.....$30,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
July 1, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

On May 20, 1947, the Trustees considered application from Max A. Werschin, who offered $200.00 an acre for Pinellas County land, and agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only. Pursuant thereto the following notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
May 24th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00

o'clock A. M. July 1st, 1947, for the land in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

Beginning at the Intersection of the North boundary of Govt. Lot 2, Sec. 9, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, and the centerline of State Highway No. 233 as shown on the plat filed in Deed Book 662, Page 44, Records of Pinellas County, Fla., Thence N. 43° 51' E. 1658 feet along the centerline of State Highway No. 233; thence S. 46° 09' E. 225 feet to mean high water for a point of beginning; thence S. 46° 09' E. 375 feet; thence N. 43° 51' E. 160 feet; thence N. 46° 09' W. 485 feet to the high water mark; thence south along the high water mark to the P. O. B. containing in all 1.58 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, no objections were presented to the sale, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Werschin at the price offered—$200.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees May 20, 1947, on application from Edward Newell on behalf of Lainhart & Potter, with offer of $700.00 an acre for Palm Beach County land, the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
May 23rd, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. July 1st, 1947, for the land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

Sovereignty land abutting on the NE 1/4 of Lot A-4, according to Sheet One, Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Fla., Supplemental Plat of Frac. Secs. 5, 8 and 17, Twp. 42 South, Rge. 37 East, Palm Beach County, Florida, April 1927, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the N. W. Corn. of Lot A-4, aforesaid, Thence N. 39° 53' 50" W. 153.72 feet to the North Line, Sec. 8 produced; thence S. 89° 58' 50" W. 64.83 feet along said produced line; Thence S. 39° 53' 50" E. 202.17 to the center of the N. W. Line of Lot A-4; Thence Northeasterly along the Line of Lot A-4, 50.3 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out to hear objections, if any, to sale and none being presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale to Lainhart & Potter at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees May 13, 1947, on application from R. E. Duckworth, on behalf of Rex-McGill Investment Company, with offer of $300.00 an acre for Orange County land, the following notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on May 29, June 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
May 15th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. July 1st, 1947, for the land in ORANGE COUNTY, described as follows:

Beginning at the SE Corner of Lot 9, Block "B" of Lake Conway Park as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "G", Page 138, Public Records of Orange County, Florida; run thence SWerly as an extension of the East line of Lot 9, a distance of 125.5 feet, thence meandering Westerly along water's edge to a point on the extension of the West line of Lot 8, Block "B", 162 feet from the SW corner of said Lot 8, thence along said extension of West line of Lot 8, 162 feet to the SW corner thereof, thence along the South line of Lots 8 and 9 to point of beginning.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, and no objections being filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, sec-

onded by Mr. Gay, that sale be made to Rex-McGill Investment Company at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on action of the Trustees May 13, 1947, on application from M. W. Bishop with offer of $10.00 an acre for Duval County land, the following notice was published in the Jacksonville Times Union on May 29, June 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
May 14th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. July 1st, 1947, the following described land in DUVAL COUNTY:

S 1/4 of NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 33, Township 1 North, Range 25 East.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to refuse any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for bids and the highest offer was $10.00 an acre from Mr. Bishop.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept $10.00 an acre for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $100.00 was submitted from A. J. Thomas, Jr., on behalf of Thomas Lumber Company, for

Approximately 1/3 of an acre lying between Lots 13 and 14, Block "D" Piney Wood Lakes, and the high water mark of Lake Conway, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land for objections only, based on offer from Mr. Thomas. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Lena E. Sylvania with offer of $700.00 an acre, or $231.00, for

> Sovereignty land abutting on Lots A-35 to A-38, inclusive, in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, containing 0.33 of an acre in Palm Beach County.

The offer being in line with appraised values in that area, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on offer from applicant. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $700.00 an acre, or $168.00, was presented from Mrs. A. R. Rice for purchase of the following designated parcel:

> Sovereignty land abutting Lots A-44 and A-45, Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Containing 0.24 of an acre in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for objections only, based on offer from Mrs. Rice. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells called attention to offer from Thos. H. Horobin to purchase Dade County land which was advertised for sale of February 4, 1947—see copy of advertisements in February 4 minutes—but action deferred pending consideration of objections filed by Ben Shepard, on behalf of the City of Miami Beach. Further investigation disclosed that the parcels advertised had been bulkheaded and filled and adjoined property of applicant; that no new island was being created and that it was the policy of the Trustees to sell adjacent owners parcels abutting their ownerships.

Upon consideration of the application, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees disallow the protest and authorize sale consummated in favor of Mr. Horobin at a price of $4000.00 for the two parcels. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary called attention to resolution adopted by the Trustees June 14th at a special meeting at which three members were present, said resolution having reference to Everglades National Park. It was explained that pursuant to action taken by the Trustees June 10th, the Secretary took the matter up by telephone with Thomas B. Allen, Regional Director, National Park Service, and thereafter prepared form of resolution for consideration of Trustees; that approval was given by three members individually and confirmed at the meeting June 14th by Governor Caldwell and Mr. Larson and by letter from Mr. Gay; that it was desirable to have formal confirmation by a majority of the board in session.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the resolution as adopted June 14, 1947, be now ratified and confirmed. Upon vote the motion was carried and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported, as information to the Trustees, the basis for findings in the case of the United States vs. State of California, decision in which was dated June 23, 1947.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and duly adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment to Sinclair Wells, for services as Land Clerk, a salary of $50.00 monthly effective as of July 1, 1947. It was so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following necessary and regular bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	$ 21.05
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	10.57
J. R. Pomeroy, C.C.C. Martin County, Stuart, Fla.	3.50
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	6.50
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Fla. To Principal of State School Fund under Sec. 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941	$5,697.68
TOTAL	$5,739.30

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	6/18/47	5
Brevard	6/19/47	132
Duval	11/6/46	1
Duval	5/7/47	38
DeSoto	6/25/47	1
Escambia	6/23/47	4
Franklin	5/5/47	7
Hilsborough	6/16/47	19
Levy	6/2/47	2
Levy	6/9/47	1
Levy	6/23/47	1
Okeechobee	6/16/47	2
Pinellas	6/15/47	96
Sarasota	6/16/47	1
Sarasota	6/17/47	58
Santa Rosa	6/2/47	3
Sumter	6/16/47	5
Seminole	6/23/47	10
Walton	5/19/47	3
Walton	6/9/47	2
Walton	6/16/47	5

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following necessary and regular expense be approved and that the Comptroller be authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The H. & W. B. Drew Company Jacksonville, Florida	$ 5.20
Burroughs Adding Machine Company Atlanta, Georgia	.75
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	47.50
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee	50.00
TOTAL	$103.45

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Fla.
July 8, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

C. M. Gay, Comptroller.

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney, was present and reported that he and Mr. LeRoy Collins had gone before Judge Taylor on this date for the purpose of arguing the case styled, J. Tom Watson, Attorney General vs. Millard F. Caldwell, et al., as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and Millard F. Caldwell, et al., as State Board of Education, but Mr. Watson requested postponement till July 18 on the ground that he had not received notice of the hearing although affidavit was presented from a secretary in the office of Mr. Parker that notice of the hearing was mailed to Mr. Watson; that the case would come up on the 18th and its outcome would be reported to the Trustees.

Information having been furnished that the Interstate Oil Compact Commission will hold a meeting in Great Falls, Montana, August 11th to 13th, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Julius Parker be authorized to attend the meeting. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot suggested that in view of the opinion of the United States Supreme Court in the California tidelands case, and in view of outstanding oil leases issued by the Trustees in the State of Florida, it might be well to adjust the off shore areas covered by such leases so as to elim-

inate the waters coming under the Supreme Court decision, title to which is in the United States. Mr. Elliot expressed the view that the basis of the United States Supreme Court opinion was such that it would apply to all maritime states including Florida.

Mr. Parker suggested that in keeping with the decision that Congress will deal fairly and private individuals will not have their rights ignored, that the Trustees adopt a resolution and send to senators and representatives in Congress requesting that they join with other coastal states that have outstanding oil leases, recognizing the validity of those leases so that individuals will not be penalized.

Mr. Parker also called attention to a Federal statute that provides that a certain per cent of money received from royalties where deemed to be within the boundaries of a state will come back to the state.

No action taken on the subject.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Julius Parker informed the board that a case had been filed by Hillsborough County Trustees of Special School District #13 in which it was asserted that certain property that had belonged to the School District was erroneously assessed and title reverted to the State under the Murphy Act—Chapter 18296—after which the Trustees issued deed to a private individual. Claim was made that the land cost the school board $14,000.00. Investigation has disclosed that the land was the property of the School District, was improperly assessed and never should have reverted to the State. Mr. Parker requested permission to file disclaimer of interest in the State and later take the necessary steps to have refund made to grantee under deed from Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Parker to file disclaimer as suggested and take the necessary steps to put title to the land back in Hillsborough Couny School Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Parker also reported that the Supreme Court had reversed the lower court—Bay County—and held that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund had authority

to reserve oil and mineral rights in deeds issued under the Murphy Act where the reservation was included in the deed.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
July 29, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees on May 27, 1947, agreed to advertise for bids St. Johns County land applied for by Clarence W. Nelson with offer of $5.00 an acre, and that the following notice was published in the St. Augustine Record on June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 9, 1947, with sale date set for July 15:

Tallahassee, Florida
June 3rd, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. July 15th, 1947, for the land in ST. JOHNS COUNTY, described as follows:

Unsurveyed land in Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 30 East, containing 560 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

A quorum of the Trustees was not present July 15, however the land was called out for bids and the only offer received was $5.00 an acre from Mr. Nelson.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Clarence W. Nelson at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from Maguire, Voorhis & Wells, on behalf of Albert D. Bentley and wife, with offer of $300.00 an acre for Orange County land, the Trustees on May 20, 1947, agreed to advertise the land for sale July 15, subject to objections only, applicants being the adjacent upland property owners. The following notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 10, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida
June 2nd, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. July 15th, 1947, for the land in ORANGE COUNTY, described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of Lot 6, Block B, of Lake Conway Park, according to plat recorded in Plat Book G, Page 138, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, run thence southeasterly along the south line of Lots 6 and 7 of said Block to the southeast corner of said Lot 7, Block B, run thence southwesterly on a prolongation of the east line of said

Lot 7 a distance of 162 feet to Lake Conway, run thence northwesterly meandering the waters of Lake Conway to a point on the prolongation of the west line of said Lot 6 where the waters of Lake Conway intersect said prolongation of the west line of said Lot 6, run thence northeasterly 143.8 feet along said prolongation of the west line of said Lot 6 to the Point of Beginning, situate, lying and being in Orange County, State of Florida, and Beginning at the southwest corner of Lot 13, Block B, of Lake Conway Park, according to plat recorded in Plat Book G, Page 138, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, run thence southeasterly along the south line of Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, of said Block to the southeast corner of said Lot 19, Block B, run thence southwesterly on a prolongation of the east line of said Lot 19 a distance of 227 feet to Lake Conway, run thence northwesterly meandering the waters of Lake Conway to a point on the prolongation of the west line of said Lot 13 where the waters of Lake Conway intersect said prolongation of the west line of said Lot 13, run thence northeasterly 186 feet along said prolongation of the west line of said Lot 13 to the point of beginning, situate, lying and being in Orange County, State of Florida.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

There being no quorum present on date advertised for the sale, the land was called out but no objections were filed or presented and confirmation was postponed until this date.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve sale of the land described in favor of Albert D. Bentley and wife at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from Frank Friend, with offer of $700.00 an acre, the Trustees on June 3, 1947, agreed to advertise Palm Beach County land for sale July 15, subject to objections only, and the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 10, 1947:

Tallahasee, Florida
June 6th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. July 15th, 1947, for the land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

Sovereignty land abutting on Lots A-42 and A-41 of the Supplemental Plat of Frac. Sec. 18, Twp. 42 South, Rge. 37 East, Palm Beach County, Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 60 of the Palm Beach County, Florida Records, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commence at the N. E. corner of Lot A-41 aforesaid, thence N. 29° 41′ West, 70.96 feet along the Lot line projected, thence South 58° 12′ 40″ West along the U. S. R/W Line, a distance of 130 feet, thence South 29° 41′ East 72.58 feet along Lot line projected, thence North 57° 30′ 10″ East, 130 feet along the 17 Foot Contour to the point of beginning, containing approximately 0.21 acre, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

A quorum of the Trustees not being present on date advertised for the sale, the land was called out for objections, if any. No objections being filed, confirmation of sale was deferred until this date.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Friend at the price of $300.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $4.00 an acre from Harry H. Wells for purchase of the following described land:

3,180 acres in Townships 2, 3 and 4 South, Range 15 East, and in Township 3 South, Range 16 East, Bay County,

the land having been appraised at a much higher value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Humble Oil & Refining Company for an oil, gas and mineral lease on 523 acres of land in the Suwannee River located in

Township 4 South, Range 11 East, Suwannee and Lafayette counties, Florida.

$1.00 an acre was offered for the lease, subject to advertisement of the land as provided under Chapter 22824 of 1945.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bidding as required by law. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from Sperti Foods, Inc., for option to renew for a period of ten years a lease recently

authorized in favor of the company which will bear date of August 1947, said lease providing for removal of seaweed from which to make agar-agar.

Upon consideration of the request, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize option to renew said lease for a period of five years at a price to be agreed upon at the expiration of the present ten-year lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Gaskin Brothers of Wewahitchka, Florida, for five-year renewal of Deadhead Timber Lease No. 167 offering $5.00 per thousand feet for deadhead timber and $10.00 per thousand feet for green timber cut from Dead Lakes in Calhoun and Gulf counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize renewal of the lease for five years. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from W. J. Crowley, on behalf of Future Farmers of Sarasota County, for conveyance of the following described parcel of land to be used for planting slash pine as a memorial forest:

> W 1/2 of Section 3, Township 37 South, Range 20 East, Sarasota County.

State Supervisor of Vocational Education recommends that the Sarasota Negro Department be permitted to develop twenty per cent (20%) of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land described for use by Future Farmers of Sarasota County, with the condition that the recommendation of the State Supervisor of Vocational Education be carried out. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from B. C. Lewis of Hilliard, Florida, offering $5.00 an acre for the following described land:

> SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 26, and Lot 4 of Section 36, all in Township 4 South, Range 25 East, Nassau County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Lewis and make

counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided Mr. Lewis will agree to bid not less than $10.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer fo $25.00 an acre was presented from L. Maxcey for purchase of land now under lease to him, known as Chancy Bay area described as:

> Tract 1, Section 17, Township 39 South, Range 37 East, Containing 263 acres in Martin County.

Upon discussion of the character of the land, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids based on offer of $25.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented from the State Road Department for right of ways through State land in Charlotte and Palm Beach counties desired in connection with State Roads 45 and 80, respectively.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the State Road Department of the right of ways designated as follows:

> Charlotte County—Road #45—Sec. 0101
> That portion of the submerged lands, waters and fills thereon in Section 36, Township 40 South, Range 22 East; in Section 1, Township 41 South, Range 22 East; in Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 23 East; and in Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 23 East;
> Palm Beach County—Road #80—Sec. 9311
> An additional strip seventeen (17) feet wide on each side of the right of way of State Road #80, located immediately North of the W 1/2 of Lot 4, Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 36 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented letter from Coastal Petroleum Company, St. Petersburg, Florida, requesting that the Trustees approve as a drilling location under its Contract #224-A the following described land:

> E 1/2 of W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 13 East, in Levy County.

It was explained that title to the location described is not in the State of Florida but the Company agrees that the mineral rights for this and other lands, comprising 120 acres, will come under the provisions of paragraph #21 of Lease #224-A and that said site will be considered as occupying Drilling Block #3 in said lease the same as if said well were drilled upon the open waters of said Drilling Block #3.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the drilling site as described according to the proposal submitted by Coastal Petroleum Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells explained a situation that has arisen with reference to Hendry County land sold at competitive bids on May 6, 1947, to W. T. Bridges, Jr., at a price of $7.85 an acre.

Mr. David Elmer Ward, who also bid on the lands, and Mr. Bridges were present. Mr. Ward asked that the Trustees try to work out an arrangement whereby the sections purchased by Mr. Bridges May 6 could be conveyed to him since they are adjoining property owned by him and used as grazing pasture for his cattle. He informed the board that this land had originally been leased to him and while he was in the service Lykes Brothers secured a lease from the State and these sections were included.

Mr. Bridges stated that he had gone over the State land in the vicinity of the sections purchased in May and there was not any he would be interested in; that based on action taken by the Trustees on the date the sale was held, confirmed by a letter from the Land Clerk that he was the high bidder and the land had been sold to him, he had bought cattle, equipment and fences and he felt that the State should go through with the sale.

The case was thoroughly discussed but the Trustees felt there was nothing they could do as the sale had been held and both parties were present and participated in the bidding, each having had opportunity to raise the bid. No action was taken.

Mr. Elliot presented application from Gulf Oil Company for release of an area of 550,000 acres of land according to the terms of Lease #228 issued in favor of W. G. Blanchard. It was explained that Gulf Oil Company had acquired a part of Lease #228 and under the terms of para-

graph 4 provision was made for extension of the lease provided release of 500,000 acres was given and operation was being carried on at the time.

Plat was submitted showing the area suggested for release, which area Mr. Elliot reported was not within the area under lease #228.

The Trustees requested Mr. Elliot to advise Gulf Oil Company in line with his report to the board.

Mr. Elliot reported that the pay roll for his office had been approved by the Budget Commission in line with the budget as submitted to the legislature and was now presented to the Trustees for approval of the budget and also for approval of salaries and necessary and regular expenses for the month of July.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the budget of the Trustees be approved; also that salaries and expenses for the month of July 1947 be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$475.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Taxes & Records	225.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	260.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Land Appraiser	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	350.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney	400.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	180.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Salesman	50.00
TOTAL	2,945.00

Financial Statements for the month of June are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of June 1, 1947		$1,046,736.68
Receipts for the month		
Land Sales	$15,744.99	
Refund of Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes	3,133.60	
Interest	272.03	

Reimbursement of Advtg Cost Land Sale Pinellas County	8.00	
Grazing Leases	485.94	
Timber Leases	2,096.01	
Sand & Shell Leases	3,470.41	
Miscellaneous Leases	130.76	
Farm Leases	1,732.94	
Mineral Lease	25.00	
Fill Material	120.85	
Total Receipts	27,220.53	27,220.53
TOTAL		1,073,957.21
Less Disbursements for the Month Of June, 1947		43,175.35
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1947		1,030,781.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
6-5-47	387255	Charlton C. Anderson	$ 400.00
	387256	State Treas.—Transfer to Prin State School Fund	17,737.84
	394693	W. E. Brown Decorating Co.	267.55
6-17-47	400767	S.T.—Transfer to Prin. State School Fund	12,479.23
6-19-47	402400	Frank J. Heintz	52.64
	402401	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	52.20
	402402	The Tallahasse Daily Democrat	12.00
	402403	Ross C. Sawyer C. C. C. Monroe County	2.65
	402404	Marchant Calculating Machine Co.	490.00
6-30-47	414407	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	414408	M. O. Barco	145.50
	414409	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	414410	J. B. Lee	19.00
	414411	W. B. Granger	47.50
	414412	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
	414413	A. C. Bridges	259.65
	414414	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	414415	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	414416	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
	426372	Southeastern Telephone Co.	21.05
	426373	Western Union Telegraph Co.	10.57
	426374	J. R. Pomeroy, C.C.C. Martin County	3.50
	426375	Capital Office Equipment Co.	6.50

429033	S.T.—Transfer to Prin. State Sch. Fund	5,697.68
420584	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	49.30
430839	S.T. 2% Transfer to G. R. for Quarter	3,304.64
	5% Retirement Fund	51.00
	Withholding Tax	385.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1947		43,175.35

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of June 1, 1947	61,159.89
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
Balance as of June 30, 1947	61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of June 1, 1947	1,390.75
Receipts for the month	-0-
Disbursements for the month	-0-
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1947	1,390.75

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of June 1, 1947		$ 85,021.59
Receipts for the Month—Gross	$28,995.99	
Less returned checks of Leron W. Rice (Nos. 127, $20.00; 128, $31.25; 131, $228.75)	280.00	
Net Receipts for the Month	$28,715.99	28,715.99
TOTAL		113,737.58
Less Disbursements for the Month		31,529.00
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1947		$ 82,208.58

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
6-5-47	387470	Sam Harmon	$ 7.50
6-19-47	401166	Southeastern Telephone Company	18.20
	401167	Western Union Telegraph Company	.48

	401168	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	4.85
	401169	Capital Office Equipment Company	1.52
6-30-47	412822	Ernest Hewitt	261.20
	412823	J. R. Roberts	182.30
	412824	M. O. Barco	23.75
	412825	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	412826	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	412827	Bonnie G. Shelfer	136.25
	412828	Elizabeth M. Goode	144.45
	412829	Vivian A. Dedicos	140.20
	412830	Mary Clare Pichard	148.10
	412831	Evelyn C. Shaw	124.30
6-26-47	404336	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Transfer to General Revenue	30,000.00
6-30-47	426918	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	5.20
	426919	Burroughs Adding Machine Company	.75
	426920	Rose Printing Company	47.50
	426921	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
		5% Retirement Fund	30.95
		Withholding Tax	126.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1947			$31,529.00

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that said bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Citrus	5/3/47	1
Citrus	5/26/47	3
Dade	6/25/47	2
Duval	3/6/47	1
Escambia	6/23/47	1
Nassau	6/30/47	3
Palm Beach	6/23/47	25
Sarasota	6/30/47	27
Wakulla	6/25/47	1
Dade	6/25/47	25
Dade	7/2/47	15
DeSoto	7/8/47	1
Flagler	7/7/47	1
Jefferson	7/8/47	2
Manatee	7/7/47	5

Marion	7/7/47	6
Orange	6/2/47	13
Pasco	6/2/47	1
Pasco	7/7/47	27
Putnam	7/5/47	2
Sarasota	6/17/47	2
Wakulla	7/8/47	1
Baker	7/14/47	1
Clay	7/12/47	1
Gadsden	7/15/47	1
Hernando	7/5/47	2
Hilsborough	7/14/47	49
Lake	7/14/47	5
Levy	7/7/47	16
Osceola	6/23/47	32
Pinellas	5/20/47	8
Polk	6/27/47	3
Suwannee	7/7/47	1
Volusia	7/7/47	36
Bay	7/21/47	4
Charlotte	7/7/47	5
Columbia	7/15/47	2
Duval	6/17/47	73
Franklin	7/7/47	2
Hernando	7/21/47	5
Indian River	7/21/47	15
Palm Beach	6/16/47	34
St. Lucie	7/7/47	8
Washington	7/8/47	2

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Four requests were presented for release of State road reservation in deeds conveying title to Murphy Act land in Dade, Duval and Palm Beach counties, together with recommendation from the State Road Department that such releases be granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees release State road reservation in the following deeds in conformity with recommendation of the Road Department:

Dade County Q. C. Deed #813 to Minnie O. Gossman

Dade County Q. C. Deed #3428 to E. A. Lefknow
Duval County Q. C. Deed #892 to Southside Homes Company
Duval County Q. C. Deed #3457 to Jennie Harrold Green
Palm Beach County Q. C. Deed #1874 to Carl Eklund and Gustaf Lager.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented for correction deed covering Murphy Act land in Duval County, the Attorney General's office having aproved issuance of such deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the following correction deed for the purpose of correcting grantee's name:

Duval County Deed #3518-COR. to Margaret G. Stephens.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and necessary and regular expenses for the month of July 1947 be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Parker, Foster & Wigginton	$ 32.25
D. H. Sloan Jr., C. C. C. Polk County	7.50
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	7.05
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Atlanta, Ga.	16.65
Railway Express Agency, Tallahassee	1.10
D. T. Farabee, C. C. C., Lee County	1.45
News-Press Publishing Co., Ft. Myers	9.00
W. A. Wynne, C. C. C. Sarasota County	1.70
Ross C. Sawyer, C. C. C., Monroe County	2.05
Hon. C. M. Gay, Comptroller, Tallahassee	16.17
Julius F. Parker, Tallahassee	63.75
Treasurer of United States, Washington, D. C. Cost of work performed by U. S. Geological Survey	1,390.75
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	315.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	225.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Clerk, Land & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk-Bookkeeper	190.00

Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	165.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Clerk-Stenographer	175.00
Evelyn C. Shaw, Clerk	53.23
TOTAL	$2,775.65

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer to General Revenue from receipts under the Murphy Act:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue Fund.....$30,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
August 5, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
(Present Part time)

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the minutes of the Trustees dated May 27, June 3, 10, 14, 16, 24, and July 1, 1947, be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, reported that Attorney General J. Tom Watson had filed

petition to intervene in a suit filed by the Trustees for testing the validity of Chapter 8305, Special Acts of 1919 and Chapter 11616, Special Acts of 1925, said petition asserting that the interest of the people of the State of Florida was not being represented in the action taken by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Mr. Parker asked whether or not the Trustees desire that he resist the petition in the event the Attorney General attempts to intervene.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Parker to protest intervention by the Attorney General in the suit referred to. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Watson recorded as present.

On May 6, 1947, the Trustees agreed to advertise for competitive bids land in Gulf County, applied for by St. Joseph Land & Development Company with offer of $7.50 an acre, and the following notice was published in the Port St. Joe Star on June 27, July 11, 18, 25 and August 1, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 14th, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 5th, 1947, for the land in GULF COUNTY, Florida:

SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 10 West.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the sale being called out, the only bid submitted was $7.50 an acre, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the land be sold to St. Joseph Land & Development Company at $7.50 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from Walter A. McElfresh, on behalf of M. A. Hortt, land in Broward County was authorized advertised for objections only based on offer of $150.00 an acre, and the following notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News on July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 27th, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 5th, 1947, for the land in Broward County, described as follows:

A parcel of submerged land, the general description of which is as follows:

In the NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 49 South, Range 48 East, lying on the easterly side of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway and being a part of what is known as Lettuce Lake, confined within the shore line to the northward of a line through approximately the middle of said Lettuce Lake and adjoining lands owned by M. A. Hortt, containing approximately 3.15 acres, all in Broward County. Accurate description to be furnished with deed.

A plat of said area may be examined in the office of Walter A. McElfresh, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale there were no objections filed or presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of M. A. Hortt at the price offered—$150.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from George J. Bayer of Miami, Florida, offering $5.00 an acre for the following described land:

> Lot A, Section 6; Lots A and B, Section 7; Lot A in NW 1/4 of Section 8, and E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 8, all in Township 38 South, Range 34 East, containing 409.62 acres in Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Bayer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bidding provided applicant will agree to bid not less than $15.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson not voting on the motion.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for deed to the following designated parcel of land in Volusia County desired for use in connection with State Road #A-1-A-Section 7908—Volusia County:

> 6.73 acres of submerged land along the shore of Halifax River, south of right of way for Broadway Bridge, lying East of Williams Grant, in Township 15 South, Range 33 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deed in favor of the State Road Department conveying the land applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Evans Crary came before the Trustees with reference to a proposed improvement the City of Stuart is trying to work out for construction of a bridge east of Stuart from the mainland to an island. The City desires that the Trustees take under consideration its tentative application for two parcels of submerged land in Indian River adjacent to the proposed bridge, each parcel to be approximately six thousand (6000) feet long by seven hundred (700) feet wide, containing about 184 acres. Depth of water at the location described is given as from two to three feet deep at high tide.

Mr. Crary explained that the City plans to interest a developer in filling the parcels to be conveyed by the State, put on a development and sell off lots, using the funds for retiring the cost of the bridge.

The proposed plans were discussed, whereupon the Governor suggested that he would be willing to sell the submerged areas at a price of $200.00 an acre on contract, with three percent (3%) interest, provided there are no objections from adjacent land owners, conditioned upon the Trustees having a first lien on the developed property. This suggestion was concurred in by Mr. Gay and Mr. Larson.

Mr. Crary indicated that it would probably be two or three months before their plans would be completed, at which time he would submit to the Trustees a concrete proposal for consideration.

The Secretary presented memorandum showing status of leases and agreement between the Trustees and Florida Ramie Products, Incorporated, covering a period from September 11, 1945 to January 16, 1947, all as set forth in minutes of the Trustees of the following dates:

September 11, 1945; October 16, 1945; January 29, 1946; March 26, 1946; January 16, 1947.

Check in amount of $452.95 made payable to Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund has been received by Mr. Terry Lee and is being held pending instructions as to what fund such amount is to be deposited.

Mr. Elliot explained that to date the result of the ramie enterprise is as follows:

Trustees have expended approximately $19,600.00 as authorized by action of Trustees March 26, 1946; check for $452.95 has been drawn in favor of Trustees, but not de-

livered, and the Internal Improvement Fund has acquired from the State Board of Education the S 1/2 of Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, 320 acres in exchange agreement authorized January 16, 1947.

Upon discussion of the report, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the check in amount of $452.95 be delivered to the Trustees and deposited to account of the Internal Improvement Fund. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Attorney General Watson retired from the meeting.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Dade County that the Trustees amend resolution adopted May 6, 1947, which authorized release of the "public purpose" clause in Deed #18556 dated May 24, 1940 as to a certain part, and release an additional area from said clause in order to provide additional buildings and parking areas in connection with the aquarium and marine laboratory to be erected. It was recommended that an area not exceeding forty thousand (40,000) square feet be released from the "public purpose" clause and that another slight change in wording be allowed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and duly carried, that the changes as recommended by Mr. Elliot be authorized, and the following resolution be substituted in lieu of a resolution adopted May 6, 1947:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by Deed #18556 dated May 24, 1940, conveyed unto Dade County, Florida, the following described property comprising a part of Virginia Key in Dade County, Florida:

> Government Lot 1 in Section 17;
> Government Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Section 20; and
> Government Lots 1 and 2 in Section 21, all lying and being in Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Containing 64.30 acres,

which said deed is recorded in Deed Book 2065, page 454, of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS said deed contains the following reservation: "This conveyance is made on the condition that the area above described is to be used for public purposes only, and should said area be used for

any purpose other than public, the title to said land shall automatically revert to and become the property of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida"; and

WHEREAS, Dade County desires to lease a portion of said premises to some individual, firm or private corporation for the erection, maintenance and operation of an aquarium, and a portion of said premises to the University of Miami for the erection, maintenance and operation of a marine laboratory and such other incidental buildings and parking space as may be necessary to adequately and properly serve the needs of the public in connection with such aquarium and marine laboratory, and said County has requested from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund either a release of such reservation or condition contained in said deed, or an expression that the leasing of such property for such purposes would not constitute a violation of said restriction or condition in said deed; and

WHEREAS it appears to the Trustees that the use of such property so proposed to be leased for such purposes would in fact be to the public interest; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA that the leasing of portions of said premises aforesaid, as hereinbefore set forth, will not constitute a violation of the reservation or condition in the deed aforesaid, provided that such aquarium when erected and operated will be open to admission to the general public upon payment of such admission fees as may be charged, and that such marine laboratory when constructed and operated will be used for educational purposes, and that this release of said condition shall be applicable only to the area actually occupied by said aquarium and by said marine laboratory, plus forty thousand (40,000) square feet for other incidental buildings and parking space; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be in lieu of a resolution adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund May 6, 1947, relating to the same subject.

Request was presented from Roger Weeks, Moore Haven, Florida, that the lease authorized by the Trustees June 3, 1947, for one year with option of renewal up to five years, be extended for two additional years, covering the following described land:

Tracts 60 and 61, Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Containing 20 acres in Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that action taken June 3, 1947, be amended and that lease be authorized for one year with privilege of renewal from year to year for a period not exceeding seven years in all. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from H. M. Forman for grazing lease on a small parcel of land located within his pasture and now under his fence, said parcel being described as

Tract 6, Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, containing 19.25 acres in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of one-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Forman upon payment of $1.00 per acre rental for the tract described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the United States Geological Survey, by Mr. G. E. Ferguson, District Engineer, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund continue participation in hydrological surveys in the State. Information was furnished that for the year 1946-1947 the Trustees participated to the extent of $4000.00, with local agencies furnishing $4000.00 and the Federal Government matching state and local by allocating $8000.00 toward the work.

The Secretary explained that this item had been provided for in the budget for Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and had the approval of the budget commission.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees make available up to $4000.00 for participating in the hydrological surveys being carried on by the Federal Government, conditioned upon local interests providing $4,000.00 and the U. S. Government contributing $8,000.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from the Attorney General, transmitting letter from Harold J. Humm, Acting Director, Duke University Marine Laboratory, having reference to seaweed

lease authorized by the Trustees to Sperti Foods, Inc., for taking seaweed from Indian River section from which to produce agar-agar.

Upon consideration of the letter, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Elliot be requested to reply to letter from Mr. Humm, giving information as to the terms of the lease to Sperti Foods, Inc. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from J. R. Gardner, City Clerk of West Palm Beach, Florida, transmitting certified copy of resolution adopted by the City Commission of West Palm Beach, having reference to flood conditions in the Everglades area.

Only three members of the Trustees being present, no action was taken on the subject.

Letter was presented from Mr. Julius Parker, having reference to right of way from Trustees to the State Road Department, involving a strip 200 feet wide on each side of the center line of State Road #5, running through Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, and Section 6, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, crossing Roberts Bay and Dona Bay at Nokomis, Sarasota County, and extensive filling operations by Henry and Robert Baynard, adjacent upland owners.

The State Road Department desires to know whether or not the Trustees will join in efforts to stop these operations which are within the right of way conveyed to the Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Parker to join the State Road Department in doing whatever is deemed necessary to stop operations on propery owned by the State. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, giving notice that

> Tract 10 in S 1/2 of Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Newman's Survey, Broward County,

title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14717, the Everglades Act, had been foreclosed

by the district in delinquent tax foreclosure proceedings. Amount necessary to redeem the land from taxes was given as $99.56 including interest from 1937 through 1946.

The Secretary recommended that the Trustees authorize payment of $74.32 representing taxes plus interest only since receipt of notice from the district that the taxes were delinquent.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize payment of the amount recommended by Mr. Elliot for redemption of the land described from taxes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, Ft. Lauderdale Delinquent taxes against Tract 10, S 1/2 of Sec. 25, Township 50 S., Range 41, Newman's Survey, Broward County	$ 74.32
W. E. Brown Decorating Co., Atlanta, Georgia Furnishing and decorating Governor's office and Board room, in new south wing of capitol	19,898.92
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Transfer to Prin. State School Fund under Section 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941	7,844.91
Capital City Publishing Co., Tallahassee, Florida Printing Volue XXV of Minutes	1,237.77
TOTAL	$29,055.92

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked, and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Broward	6/16/47	126
Dade	7/16/47	22
Dade	7/23/47	26
Gadsden	7/28/47	4
Hardee	12/2/46	1
Highlands	7/28/47	1
Palm Beach	7/11/47	64

Palm Beach	7/18/47	84
Santa Rosa	7/28/47	4
Seminole	7/8/47	11
Taylor	6/6/47	1
Taylor	7/25/47	2

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

(Attorney General Watson present for this case.)

The Trustees having set this date for hearing parties interested in Alachua County sale of a parcel of land located at Archer, Florida, the following information was given:

> Land described as "That part of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 south of State Highway and north of Atlantic Coast Line Railway, Section 16, Township 11 South, Range 18 East, Alachua County, Florida;"
> Application to purchase from Ruby H. McNair, former owner, with base bid of $36.00;
> At sale Feb. 19, 1947 H. F. Wellman was high bidder at $540.00; Protest was filed by Mrs. McNair and the land was again sold May 21, 1947, to H. F. Wellman at a price of $625.00, Mrs. McNair not bidding at the second sale. City of Archer was the other party competing at the sale. City of Archer asks that bid of Mr. Wellman be declined and conveyance of the land made to the City of Archer for playground and park purposes.

Mr. Robert C. Kime, City Engineer for Archer, informed the Tustees that the City not only wanted the land for park and playground purposes and Boy Scout headquarters, but is making plans to have a canning plant and creosoting plant constructed on the tract; that they urge the Trustees to decline the bid made by Mr. Wellman and convey the property to the City of Archer.

Mr. J. C. Adkins, Jr., on behalf of Mr. H. F. Wellman, presented a prepared statement on behalf of his client, submitted pictures of the tract, calling attention to its location on two public highways and the railroad track. Originals and copies of letters were filed covering correspondence between Mr. Monroe Venable, father of Mrs. McNair and also Mayor of Archer, and other parties.

Mr. Wellman also asked that the Trustees confirm sale to him as he had made the highest bid at both sales and all parties interested had opportunity to bid at the sales; that if the City of Archer had requested him to withdraw his bid on the ground that the City desired the tract for park purposes he would have done so, but the matter was not handled in such manner.

After hearing all parties and upon discussion of the subject by the board members, motion was made by Mr. Watson that the offer made by the City of Archer in amount of $603.00 be acepted, conditioned upon payment of $5.00 in excess of such bid, plus cost of advertising and Clerk's fees, and provided that the City of Archer shall make public use of the property within twelve (12) months and thereafter to continue to use the property for public purposes only. Motion seconded by Mr. Gay and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Kime, on behalf of the City, stated that the action of the Trustees was satisfactory to the City of Archer.

Mr. Adkins asked that the Trustees seriously consider whether the property was suitable for the public interests of the City and whether or not they are in position to enter into such projects as the canning plant and creosoting plant as contemplated.

Attorney General retired from meeting.

Action was deferred, pending appraisal by the Field Agent, on application from Goethe Lumber Company with offer of $1800.00 for timber located on land described as:

> Titusville Heights S/D of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, and the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, containing 80 acres in Brevard County.

The Clerk reported the land as being located about two miles north of Titusville, in the sand hill section and not good for grazing or agriculture.

Request was presented from James M. McGurk for release of oil and mineral reservation in deed affecting the following described property:

Lots 22 and 23, Block 7-E—Eighth Addition to Hialeah—Section 17, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, Dade County.

It was explained that applicant is unable to secure a mortgage on the property for the purpose of building a home unless the reservations are released.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize release of the reservations upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Florida Board of Forestry and Parks for conveyance of 178 parcels of land in Camp Murphy area, Martin County, located in

Sections 34 and 35, Township 39 South, Range 42 East; Sections 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 24, Township 40 South, Range 42 East.

It was explained that the land was formerly used by the United States as an army camp, and through arrangements with the Federal Government valuable equipment and property had been turned over to the Forestry Department for use in connection with Jupiter State Park.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees convey the parcels applied for to the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks upon payment of $5.00, conveyance to be made under Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Florida Board of Forestry and Parks for

N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 27 West, containing 20 acres in Santa Rosa County.

It was explained that this parcel lies within the boundaries of Blackwater River State Forest.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Florida Board of Forestry and Parks of the parcel described upon payment of $5.00, deed to be issued under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from City of Vero Beach for release of restriction clause in Indian River County Deed #267 as it applies to

Lots 1 to 14, Block 4, and Lots 1 to 14, Block 5—City of Vero Beach.

It was explained that the city desires to use the lots as sites for club houses for veterans, boy scouts and similar groups.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the use of said land by veterans organizations, boy scouts and similar clubs, as site for club houses as set forth in said letter from the City of Vero Beach, is deemed by said Trustees to be for public purposes and within the purview of the public purposes clause; that said Trustees accept said use as coming within the meaning of such clause, and that the City of Vero Beach be advised accordingly. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was ordered that a letter be addressed to the City of Vero Beach advising of action taken by Trustees, and that a copy of such communication be attached to Trustees office copy of Deed #267 as record entry affecting said deed.

Offer of $370.00 was presented from town of Orange City, Volusia County, Florida, for purchase of:

E 1/2 of Lot 2, and part of Lot 3, Block 2; Lots 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 16, Block 4, Orange City.

It was stated that amount of offer is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $370.00 and authorize conveyance to Orange City, Florida, of the parcel described, deed to be issued under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $5.00 an acre was presented from City of Sarasota, Florida for conveyance of the following described lots:

Lot 11, less North 4.66 feet, and Lot 12, and South 50 feet of North 100 feet of Lots 13, 14 and 15, Subdivision of Lot 9—Block "N", Plat of Sarasota, Florida, Sarasota County.

The Secretary reported that the land in lots 11 and 12 was formerly owned by the City and could be conveyed

at a price of $1.00 per lot, and the remainder could be sold at one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, without advertisement and public sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the City of Sarasota of the lots described at a price of $2.00 for the first two parcels and $42.50 for the remainder—$44.50 total—with deed to be issued under provisions of Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letters were presented from the Attorney General calling attention to discrepancies found by the State Auditing Department in records of Bay, Hendry, Levy and St. Johns Counties, having reference to sale of lands under the Murphy Act.

Mr. Elliot was requested to write the Agents for the Trustees for explanation of the items cited by the Auditors and request that they adhere to the policies of this board and follow the instructions furnished. It was so ordered.

Requests were presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County for cancellation of certain Murphy Act certificates, in connection with which the Secretary stated that the Attorney General's office had recommended that the Trustees disclaim interest in such certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that Trustees disclaim interest in certificates as recommended.

Report was made as information that the United States of America has notified the Trustees of cancellation, effective November 12, 1946, of lease #W-2287-eng-1692, dated August 26, 1942, covering 390 acres of land in Lee County, Florida.

Notice ordered filed.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
August 19, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this day in the office of the Governor, Capitol Building.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor—Chairman.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer.

Mr. Charles M. Trammell, on behalf of Atlantic Engineering Company, requested extension of time in connection with their former leases Nos. 414 and 274. He stated that he wished to show that what had already been performed by the Company and what they are doing might be considered as adequate for making proper showing of their ability to perform. That Mr. Burrows, an engineer at Washington, and Mr. Snow, Engineer for the Company, had been carrying on research work and have developed two kinds of machines, one for separating minerals from sand, the other for separating the minerals each from the other. One is perfected, the other is still in the test stage. The Company has gotten a firm order for 5000 tons of concentrate at approximately $100,000. Mr. Snow had in addition, an order for $125,000 worth of material; also DuPont Company is interested. That if it would be an inducement to the State, the Company would be willing to release the area south of the south boundary line of Saint Lucie County, and concentrate their efforts on area to the northward.

Governor Caldwell suggested that the matter be held open for 90 days, at which time the Company can present to the Trustees proof of its ability to perform.

Motion was then made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that matter be held open for 90 days for the Company to submit proof of ability to perform and a feasible plan of operation.

Governor Caldwell suggested that the plan be submitted to Mr. Elliot and to Mr. Gunter, State Geologist, in advance, so they would be in position to make recommendations.

Pursuant to application from A. J. Thomas, Jr., of Orlando, with offer of $100.00, the Trustees agreed to advertise for objections only land in Orange County, and the following notice was published in the Sentinel on July 18, 25, August 1, 8, and 15, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida, July 14th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 A. M. August 19th, 1947, the following described land in ORANGE COUNTY:

Approximately one-third of an acre of land lying between the East boundary line of Lot 13 and the West boundary line of Lot 14, as extended, Block "D" of Piney Wood Lakes, and the present high water mark of Lake Conway.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost. THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the description being called out, no objections were filed or presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Thomas at the price offered.

Based on offer of $300.00 per acre from Troy C. Musselwhite of Orlando for purchase of Orange County land, the following notice was published in The Sentinel, Orlando, Florida, on July 11, 18, 25, August 1 and 8, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida, July 1st, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 19th, 1947, for the land in ORANGE COUNTY, described as follows:

Begin at the Northeast Corner of Lot 13 of Waterwitch Club, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "K", Page 69 of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, run thence East 35 feet, more or less, to the shore line of Lake Conway, run thence Southerly along the shore of said Lake Conway to the intersection of the prolongation of the South line of said Lot 13 of Waterwitch Club with the shore line of said Lake Conway, run thence West 30 feet, more or less, to the Southeast Corner of said Lot 13 of Waterwitch Club, run thence North along the East line of said Lot 13 of Waterwitch Club 80 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning, containing .06 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the description being called out, no objections were submitted either by letter or verbally, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Musselwhite, at the rate of $300.00 per acre as offered.

Based on application from C. G. Johnson of Pahokee, Florida, with offer of $77.00 for a parcel of lake bottom land in Palm Beach County, the Trustees ordered the parcel

advertised for objections only and the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on July 11, 18, 25, August 1 and 8, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 1st, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 19th, 1947, for the land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

Sovereignty land abutting on Lot A-43 of the Supplemental Plat of Frac. 18, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, Fla., as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 60 of the Palm Beach County Florida Records, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commence at the N. E. Corner of Lot A-43 aforesaid, thence North 29° 41′ West, 72.58 feet along Lot line projected, thence South 58° 12′ 40″ West, 65 feet along the U. S. R/W Line, thence South 29° 41′ East, 73.38 feet along Lot Line projected, thence North 57° 10′ 30″ East, 65 feet along the 17 Foot Contour of Lake Okeechobee to the Point of Beginning.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the description of the above 0.11 of an acre being called out, no objections were submitted either by letter or verbally, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Johnson at the price offered.

Pursuant to application of O. B. McClure of Pahokee, Florida, with offer of $315.00 for 0.45 of an acre of lake bottom land in Palm Beach County, the Trustees ordered the parcel advertised for objections only and the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on July 11, 18, 25, August 1 and 8, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 1st, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 A. M., August 19th, 1947, for the land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

Sovereignty land abutting on Lots A-83 to A-78 inclusive, of the Supplemental Plat of Frac. Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 60, of the Palm Beach County Florida Records, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commence at the N. E. corner of Lot A-78 aforesaid, thence N. 29° 38′ 50″ West, 66.2 feet, along the Lot line projected, thence S. 58° 12′ 40″ West 390 feet, along the U. S. R/W Line, thence S. 29° 38′ 50″ East, 36.44 feet, thence N. 62° 35′ 10″ East, along the 17 Foot Contour of Lake Okeechobee, to the Point of Beginning.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the description being called out, no objections were filed or presented, whereupon motion was made by

Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. McClure at the price offered.

Pursuant to application from Mrs. A. R. Rice of Pahokee, Florida, with offer at rate of $700.00 per acre, or $168.00 for 0.24 of an acre of Palm Beach County land, the Trustees ordered the parcel advertised for objections only, and the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on July 18, 25, August 1, 8 and 15, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 14th, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 19th, 1947, the following described land in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

0.24 of an acre of sovereignty land abutting on Lots A-45 and A-44, of the Supplemental Plat of Frac. Sec. 18, Twp. 42 South, Rge. 37 East, Palm Beach County Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 60, of the Palm Beach County Florida Records, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commence at the N. E. Corner of Lot A-44, aforesaid, thence North 29° 41′ West, 73.88 feet along the Lot Line projected, thence South 58° 12′ 40″ West 145 feet along the U. S. R/W Line, thence South 29° 41′ East, 75.17 feet along the Lot Line projected, thence North 57° 30′ 10″ East, 145.01 feet along the 17 Foot Contour of Lake Okeechobee to the Point of Beginning.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER OF the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the description being called out, no objections were filed or presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mrs. A. R. Rice at the price offered.

Pursuant to application from Mrs. Lena E. Sylvania of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, with offer at rate of $700.00 per acre for parcel of sovereignty land in Palm Beach County, the Trustees ordered the land advertised for objections only, and the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on July 18, 25, August 1, 8, and 15, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 14th, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 19th, 1947, the following described land in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

0.33 acres of sovereignty land abutting on Lots A-35 to A-38 inc. of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Supplemental Plat to Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 60, Palm Beach County, Florida Records, more particularly described as—Commence at the N. E. Corner of Lot A-35 aforesaid; thence N. 29° 36′ 20″ West, 49.7 feet along Lot Line produced, South 58° 12' 40" West, 260.2 feet along U. S. R/W Line, South 29° 36' 20" East, 61.8 feet along Lot Line produced, North 54° 56' 40" East, 261.17 feet along 17 Foot Contour to the Point of Beginning.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the description being called out, no objections were filed or presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mrs. Sylvania for $231.00, the price offered.

Based on application from M. D. Williams of Tarpon Springs, with offer at the rate of $160.00 per acre for Pinellas County land, the Trustees ordered parcel advertised for objections only, and the following notice was published in The Leader on July 11, 18, 25, August 1 and 8, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 26th, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 19th, 1947, the following described land in PINELLAS COUNTY:

Commence at the Southeast Corner of Section 3, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, thence North along the East boundary of said section 2,200 feet; thence West 723 feet to the most easterly corner of Lot 62 of Sunset Hills Country Club Subdivision; thence following the northeasterly boundary of said lot North 32° 43' West, 80 feet; thence following the northeasterly boundary of said Lot 62 and a portion of the northeasterly boundary of Lot 77 North 42° 57' 20" West 119.3 ft; thence in the Anclote River North 21° 54' 30" West, 320 feet to an island in said river; thence following the boundary of said island North 79° 44' East, 51.05 feet; thence North 12° 16' West, 114 feet; thence departing from said island in Anclote River South 79° 05' East, 35.9 feet; thence South 21° 54' 30" East, 570 feet; thence South 59° 39' 30" West, 35 feet to the most Easterly Corner of Lot 62, the Point of Beginning first above described, containing 1.05 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the description being called out, no objections were filed or presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Williams at the price offered.

Based on application from L. M. Butler of Clearwater, with offer of $100.00 per acre for 5.67 acres of Pinellas County land, the Trustees ordered the parcel advertised for objections only, and the following notice was published in The Times, St. Petersburg, on July 11, 18, 25, August 1 and 8, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 1st, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 19th, 1947, for the land in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

Begin at the SW Cor. of the NE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, and run thence South 53.3 ft. to an intersection with the Govt. Meander as surveyed in 1844, thence South 37° 30' West, along said Meander 6.34 ft. for P.O.B., thence South 55° East, 705.0 ft. along the southerly line of a tract of land purchased from the State of Florida on December 17, 1926, Deed No. 17783, to the edge of the Channel in Old Tampa Bay, thence South 64° 46' 10" West, 521.51 feet along the said channel, thence North 44° 00' West, 500.0 feet along the extension of the Southerly line of Water Lot 3 Spring Haven Sub., Safety Harbor, Florida, to the Govt. Meander, thence North 46° 00' East, 197.09 feet, thence North 37° 30' East 163.98 feet to P.O.B. containing 5.67 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the description being called out, no objections were filed or presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Butler at the price offered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following salaries, miscellaneous bills and expenses be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 475.00
M. O. Barco, Sec. Land, Taxes & Records	225.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec. Clerk, Records & Minutes	260.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Land Appraiser	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	350.00
Julius Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney	400.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	180.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Salesman	50.00
Hon. C. M. Gay, Comptroller, Tallahassee, Fla.	20.55
Cyril Baldwin, Expense Account for April, May, June and July	330.00
Floyd Ellis, Sheriff Lee County—Foreclosure cost	5.70
D. T. Farabee, C. C. C. Lee Co.—Foreclosure cost	22.50
Ray E. Green, C. C. C. Pinellas Co.— " "	30.00
Lloyd M. Hicks, C. C. C. Manatee Co. " "	12.50
Bill Maddox, Sheriff Hendry County— " "	5.70
Todd Tucker, Sheriff Pinellas County— " "	5.60
Geo. E. Dykes, C. C. C. Lake County— " "	12.50
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	15.00
TOTAL	$3,405.05

Mr. Mayo advised the Trustees that because of the illness of Mr. Sinclair Wells, and the need for some one to act in his absence, he had requested Mr. Cyril Baldwin, land appraiser for Trustees, to come to Tallahassee temporarily to take his place; that Mr. Baldwin will have an expense account while located here, as he is away from his home on work of the Trustees. Approval was indicated of Mr. Mayo's action.

Mr. Elliot reported that the City of Pomona, Florida, had sent in check in amount of $896.00 in payment for 27 parcels of land marginal to Lake Broward, Putnam County, for which the Trustees had agreed to accept $5.00 an acre.

It was further explained that over a period covering the past several years this question had been before the Trustees with request that conveyance of title to lots around Lake Broward be made to the City of Pomona, the City in turn agreeing to deed such lots to owners of upland adjacent to Lake Broward. This the Trustees agreed to do, upon payment of $5.00 an acre. The tender of check for $896.00 is in payment for a portion of the land around the lake on the basis of $5.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that deed be executed in favor of the City of Pomona, Florida, covering the parcels applied for, conditioned upon agreement being carried out by the City to convey title to respective upland ownerships.

The Engineer and Secretary, Mr. Elliot, submitted report to the Trustees as follows: "On Saturday, August 16, I visited the site of a well to be drilled by Coastal Petroleum Company near Cedar Keys in Levy County, Florida. A satisfactory drilling rig had been erected and drilling was begun on the afternoon of August 16. After passing through approximately eight feet of sand and mud, rock was encountered which appears to be the surface of Ocala limestone in that area. By the above, Coastal Petroleum Company has met its requirements as to beginning the drilling of a well on the contract premises by September 1, 1947. As guarantee that such well would be begun by said date, Coastal Petroleum Company deposited with Trustees to be held in escrow $250,000.00, subject to the condition that if said well was begun by September 1, 1947, said amount would be released by Trustees to company; that if said well was not begun by said date the

amount deposited in escrow was to become the property of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund. Contract requirement having been met, Coastal Petroleum Company now requests Trustees to release the amount representing performance guarantee, and I so recommend."

Mr. Elliot then stated that Coastal Petroleum Company is now making request for release of $250,000 which was placed in escrow by them in Lewis State Bank as guarantee that a well would be begun by September 1, 1947, the date fixed therefor in lease 224-A and as provided in escrow agreement between the Trustees and the company, dated February 27, 1947. Since the well has been begun, requirements as covered by lease and by escrow agreement having been met, the $250,000 should now be released.

Attorney General Watson asked whether or not this $250,000 did not also cover guarantee of continuance of work on well; that it might be begun and immediately abandoned; that the release of the $250,000 was perhaps a legal question to be decided by the Attorney for the Trustees, not an engineering question.

Mr. Elliot said that continuance of the work was covered by the lease contract and the $250,000 guarantee applied only to beginning the drilling of the well by the date named.

Motion was then made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the $250,000 in escrow guaranteeing beginning of the well by September 1, 1947 be released. All members present except Mr. Watson voted in the affirmative, Mr. Watson not voting.

Request having been made by the War Department for Spoil Disposal Easement, Temporary, Duval County St. Johns River, Florida, Jacksonville to the Ocean, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that request be granted.

Mr. Elliot stated he had received application from John R. DuBois to have certain submerged lands advertised for sale in Jupiter Inlet Palm Beach County; also in reference to similar lands opposite upland held by other parties.

This item was passed over for the present, pending furnishing of further information.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary discussed briefly condemnation suit under Civil 70—U. S. vs. 365 acres of land, more or less, situated in Bay County. Award has been made and accepted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on behalf of the state, but said award has not been yet paid, amounting to $241.91. The City of Lynn Haven, an incorporated municipality, holds liens for unpaid taxes on some or all of the land, amounting to a greater sum than the award. The City of Lynn Haven was not made a party to the suit and the U. S. now requests that since Chapter 18296 does not extinguish the liens of municipalities for its taxes, and such liens have not been satisfied, the Trustees agree to divide the award with said City, which, if agreed to by the City, would satisfy its claim and proper evidence of such cancellation could be furnished to the U. S. by the said City.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund were of the opinion that since award had been made to the Trustees on behalf of the State, no division should be made thereof with the City of Lynn Haven, and they should be advised accordingly.

The Secretary presented the following reports of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that said bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Clay	8/2/47	1
Columbia	8/6/47	4
Jefferson	8/15/47	1
Liberty	6/23/47	1
Marion	8/4/47	8
Martin	7/7/47	220
Nassau	8/4/47	2
Palm Beach	6/16/47	2
Palm Beach	7/11/47	1
Pinellas	5/20/47	1
Putnam	8/2/47	4
St. Lucie	8/4/47	7
Sumter	7/28/47	5
Alachua	7/23/47	11
Alachua	8/13/47	2
Citrus	6/23/47	2
Citrus	7/5/47	6
Columbia	5/27/47	1

Duval	5/17/47	1
Gadsden	8/11/47	1
Hernando	8/6/47	6
Hillsborough	8/11/47	21
Martin	7/8/47	14
Orange	8/4/47	36
Pasco	8/4/47	18
Putnam	8/2/47	4
Sarasota	8/11/47	20
Santa Rosa	7/28/47	1
Volusia	8/4/47	13

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented for the following deeds to be issued for the purpose of correcting errors in description of the land conveyed in Bay County deeds:

Bay County Deed No. 120-COR to S. T. Walkely
Bay County Deed No. 551-COR to Estelle Hobbs
Bay County Deed No. 774-COR to J. A. Suddath.

The Attorney General's office having approved corrections requested, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees issue correction deeds requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for deed to be issued for the purpose of correcting name of grantee. The Attorney General's office having approved correction, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees issue correction deed as follows:

Palm Beach County Deed No. 11-COR to Vegetables Sales Company, A Florida Corporation.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, approving sale of 9 lots in Charlotte County to City of Punta Gorda, the 1932 assessed value being

$430.00, base bid $107.50, said base bid being offer made by said City. Lots are described as follows:

Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 1; W 1/2 of Lot 27 & Lots 28, 29 & 30, Block 1; Lot 31, Block 1; Punta Gorda—Charlotte Co.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, aproving sale of 15 lots in Pasco County to City of San Antonio, Fla., the 1932 assessed value being $540.00, base bid $135.00, said base bid being offer made by said City. Lots so sold are described as follows:

Lots 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and SW 1/4 of Lot 4, Farnsworth & Verbeck Sub. S. of RR as recorded in PB 2 P 63, Sec. 2-25-20.

City of Lake Worth having made request for easement for water mains, sewage and other public utilities over and across the east 15 feet of several certain lots in Palm Beach County, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, approving the granting of said easement. Lots so affected are described as follows:

East 15 feet of the following lots: Lot 18, Block 186; Lot 18, Block 144; Lot 10, Block 208; Lot 10 Block 250; Lot 10 Block 272; Lot 10 Block 316; Lot 10 Block 338; Lot 21 Block 122; and the East 10 feet of Lot 22, Block 80—Town of Lake Worth.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries and necessary and regular expenses and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 315.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	225.00
M. O. Barco, Sec. Clerk, Land & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec. Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer	50.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk-Bookkeeper	190.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	165.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Clerk, Stenographer	175.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee	10.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	2.54

Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	.55
The H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	6.30
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	50.00
TOTAL	$4,317.44

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
August 26, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the National Park Service, Southeastern National Monuments, St. Augustine, Florida, that the Trustees release from Deed #18903, dated April 28, 1944, the oil and mineral rights reserved in certan land deeded as an addition to Ft. Matanzas National Monument. It was explained that as soon as the oil and mineral rights have been conveyed to the United States, the National Park Service can proceed with giving the lands in St. Johns County National Monument status. Form of deed or release was submitted for releasing the oil and mineral rights referred to with the provision, however, that the State of Florida will receive the customary royalty at the time of production on all petroleum, gas, phosphate and other minerals in the event of production under authority of the United States.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees grant request of the National Park Service and authorize execution of deed of release. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that in connection with release request from Gulf Oil Corporation, dated July 15, 1947, designating an area comprising 550,000 acres of land for release from contract #228 dated February 27, 1943, in favor of William G. Blanchard, later assigned in part to J. P. Scranton and reassigned to Gulf Oil Corporation, the request was submitted to the Trustees July 29, 1947 and the Secretary was requested to notify the company that the area designated was not covered by Lease #228; that the company was so notified and suggestion made that another area be selected within the boundaries of the lease; that in reply to said notice Mr. David M. Picton of Houston, Texas, for Gulf Oil Corporation had called the Secretary's office August 25, and the following report was made in connection with said telephone conversation with Mr. Picton:

> "Release executed by Gulf Corporation accompanied letter dated July 26 from Fowler, White, Gillen & Humkey, attorneys for said company. Replied to by Mr. Elliot August 15. Subsequent to filing of release, two copies of a map showing what was taken to be location of released area was left with Mr. Elliot. Letter from Mr. Elliot to attorneys for the Gulf Corporation rejected release on the ground that a part of the area was nearly sixty (60) miles out into the Gulf from the nearest land and not within the leased premises.
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> "Mr. Picton informed Mr. Elliot that the map was not intended to show area released and was not transmitted with said release. He asked that Mr. Elliot return the copy of map in his (Mr. Elliot's) possession. Mr. Picton stated that the description of released area was based on and followed part of the description contained in lease contract; that the State's boundary descripion appearing in the lease followed the language used in description of the State's constitutional boundaries, and while no one knows where the line is the released area is within such line since it is within the area encompassed by the State's constitutional boundary. Mr. Picton quoted the language used in the release instrument as follows:
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> 'Beginning at the point where the Constitutional Boundary line of the State of Florida crossing that part of the Gulf of Mexico which lies North of the Florida Keys from Dry Tortugas intersects the 3 league line from the mainland; thence Southwestwardly along said boundary line 56 statute miles to

point for corner; thence Southeastwardly at right angles 15.34 statute miles to point for corner; thence Northeastwardly, parallel to said Constitutional boundary line, 56 statute miles to point for corner; thence Northwestwardly 15.34 statute miles to place of beginning, containing 550,000 acres, all located in Monroe County, Florida.'

"Mr. Picton informed Mr. Elliot that the map was left purely as personal information to him and was not regarded as having reference to the release instrument; that language of the release instrument clearly shows that such area is somewhere within the State's constituional boundary and therefore within the lease area.

"Mr. Elliot advised Mr. Picton that description in release instrument has no definite point of beginning and though described by metes and bounds could not be definitely located on the map and therefore could not be determined whether or not the released area is within the contract area; that the Company should file a map showing the area to be released with description of sufficient definiteness to ascertain its location within a close approximation.

"On map furnished by Gulf Corporation the Secretary indicated a line which might be conceded as the maximum lease boundary in that locality and suggested that 500,000 acres be indicated some where within the line shown on the map; that Mr. Picton had replied that Gulf Corporation could not indicate such an area for the reason that they do not know where the State's constitutional boundary is, insisting that wherever such boundary may be the area described in release instrument covers such area. He was reminded that heretofore the company when selecting drilling blocks had indicated on maps the location and description of drilling blocks with sufficient accuracy to determine the exact location of said blocks and had furnished a description accurately describing the same; that to designate the area to be released the same procedure should be followed for description purposes as in the case of drilling blocks. Mr. Picton advised that he would take the matter up with the company and see what could be done to describe an area within the line shown on the map and would advise the Trustees further on the subject."

The Trustees approved the action taken by Mr. Elliot in connection with release request from Gulf Oil Corporation.

Request was presented from Florida Forest and Park Service for conveyance of Sarasota County land to become a part of Myakka State Park. It was explained that the two parcels of land were dedicated in December 1939 and August 1942, for park purposes and transfer by deed is now requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of deed in favor of Florida Board of Forestry and Parks conveying title to the following described parcels:

> E 1/2 and E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 20 East, 79.60 acres, and
> A triangular parcel of land lying and being in the N 1/2 of Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 20 East, 80.00 acres.

Deed was ordered prepared for execution.

Application was presented from Carl E. Newcomer of Miami, Florida, offering $55.00 an acre for the following described land:

> S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, Containing 80 acres in Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided Mr. Newcomer will agree to offer not less than $200.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline the following offers as being insufficient for the land described:

> Hubbard K. Biggs of Avon Park, Florida Offer of $3.00 an acre for E 1/2 of SW 1/4 and N 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Lot 1, Section 6, Township 33 South, Range 29 East, containing 160 acres in Highlands County:
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> C. O. Patrick of West Palm Beach Florida Offer of $50.00 an acre for 35.59 acres of sov-

ereignty land in front of Government Lot 11, Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, and Offer of $25.00 an acre for 44.99 acres of land adjacent to that in front of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Section 8, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County;

Guy Thompson of Cross City, Florida Offer of $3.00 an acre for the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 12 South, Range 13 East, Containing 40 acres in Dixie County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for Trustees, reported that he had attended the meeting of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, held in Great Falls, Montana, August 11 to 13, and voted on behalf of the Trustees to petition Congress to override the present laws affecting tide lands. Also, the Governor having invited the Commission to hold its next meeting in Florida, he believed there was a good chance to get them to come to Florida for the spring 1948 meeting provided hotel facilities could be located to take care of three or four hundred people.

Mr. Julius Parker reported that in connection with suit filed by Gulf Oil Corporation to determine the validity of Mineral Leases Nos. 362, 373 and 374, with particular reference to payment of rent under the provisions of the leases, he would like to have the Trustees adopt a resolution confirming stipulation entered into by Gulf Oil Corporation and by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, through Julius Parker.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was submitted to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Tuesday, August 26, 1947.

WHEREAS, Gulf Oil Corporation has filed suit in the Federal District Court of the Northern District of Florida to determine the validity of certain mineral leases being numbered 362, 373 and 374, having particular reference to payment of rent under the provisions of said leases, and

WHEREAS, the time for paying of rent thereunder, if the same shall be adjudged to be due, will arrive on the 5th of September 1947, and

WHEREAS, it has been stipulated by counsel for Gulf Oil Corporation and for Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that such rent, as is provided for in the said leases under the interpretation contended for by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, shall be deposited in the Registry of the Court subject to the outcome of the suit by Gulf Oil Corporation against the said Trustees, and

WHEREAS, such payment will be made without prejudice either to the Gulf Oil Corporation or to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the further prosecution of said suit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:

That such stipulation as has been entered into by and between Gulf Oil Corporation and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, through Julius F. Parker, its attorney, be and the same is hereby confirmed in all respects and the Trustees recognize and agree to such stipulation.

Mr. Julius Parker reported that in the case filed by E. N. Claughton to quiet title in certain land known as Burlingame Island, Dade County, the Circuit Judge had refused to allow Attorney General J. Tom Watson to intervene.

Financial Statements for the month of July 1947 are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of July 1, 1947		$1,030,781.86
Receipts for the Month		
Land Sales	$ 24,011.50	
Land Sales—Chap. 14717—Martin Co.	25.00	
Land Lease	1.00	
Interest	1,708.82	
Everglades Drainage District Taxes Refund	6,565.77	

Agricultural Leases	235.70	
Sand and Shell Leases	2,374.80	
Miscellaneous Leases	171.94	
Mineral Lease	25.00	
Timber Leases	1,682.90	
Oil Leases	2,469.93	
Campsite Leases	75.00	
Permit to Operate Fish Business on R/W of State Road #5	300.00	
Transfer of Balance Under Chapter 20,667 (Gas and/or Oil Exploration Fund)	61,159.89	
Total Reecipts	$100,807.25	100,807.25
TOTAL		1,131,589.11
Less Disbursements for the Month of July, 1947		2,961.17
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1947		$1,128,627.94

DISBURSEMENTS FOR JULY, 1947

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
7-31-47	14826	F. C. Elliot	$ 347.65
	14827	M. O. Barco	163.15
	14828	Jentye Dedge	225.70
	14829	J. B. Lee	19.00
	14830	W. B. Granger	47.50
	14831	Cyril Baldwin	190.95
	14832	A. C. Bridges	278.90
	14833	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	14834	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	14835	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
	14836	Bonnie G. Shelfer	147.80
	14837	Sinclair Wells	47.50
	12775	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	16.17
		5% Retirement Fund	78.75
		Withholding Tax	432.10
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR JULY, 1947	$2,961.17

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of July 1, 1947	$61,159.89
Receipts for the Month	-0-
Disbursements for the Month	61,159.89
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1947	-0-

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of July 1, 1947	$1,390.75
Receipts for the Month	-0-
Disbursements for the Month	-0-
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1947	$1,390.75

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of July 1, 1947	$82,208.58
Receipts for the Month	37,103.30
TOTAL	119,311.88
Less Disbursements for the Month	31,255.43
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1947	$88,056.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
7-25-47	8422	Jack C. Clyatt	$ 29.20
7-28-47	9544	State Treasurer—Tr. to G. R.	30,000.00
7-31-47	14873	Ernest Hewitt	284.70
	14874	J. R. Roberts	198.85
	14875	M. O. Barco	23.75
	14876	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	14877	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	14878	Elizabeth M. Goode	155.90
	14879	Vivian A. Dedicos	152.40
	14880	Mary Clare Pichard	152.35
	14881	Evelyn C. Shaw	44.03
		5% Retirement Fund	33.25
		Withholding Tax	105.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1947			$31,255.43

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Clay	8/16/47	4
Duval	6/25/47	95
Indian River	8/18/47	21
St. Johns	7/11/47	23
Suwannee	12/6/43	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the report and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented requests from Brevard, Hillsborough and St. Lucie counties that the Trustees release right of way for State roads reserved in deeds heretofore executed. Information was furnished that the State Road Department had approved releases requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following deeds be authorized for the purpose of releasing road right of way as recommended by the Road Department:

Brevard County Q. C. Deed No. 1171 to R. F. Shephard.

Brevard County Q. C. Deed No. 1237 to R. F. Shephard.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 08-Chap. 21684 to Ivy R. Robison.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 245 to Southland Development Corporation.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 300-COR to Southland Development Corporation.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 744 to Southland Development Corporation.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 993 to Southland Development Corporation.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 2543 to Beeman Beckwith.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 2582 to Milton J. Bokor.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 2838 to John A. Diaz.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 2838 to L. J. Allison, Jr.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 3684 to Edward L. Bolding.

St. Lucie County Q. C. Deed No. 388 to A. C. Gordy.

Requests were presented from several clerks of the circuit courts for cancellation of certificates under Chapter 18296, and information was furnished that the Attorney General's office had approved disclaiming interest by the State in certificates as requested by the clerks of the following counties:

Alachua County—2 certificates
Brevard County—3 certificates
Dade County—2 certificates
Hamilton County—1 certificate
Hernando County—1 certificate
Hillsborough County—1 certificate
Indian River County—1 certificate
Lee County—6 certificates
Pasco County—2 certificates
St. Johns County—1 certificate
Sarasota County—5 certificates
Volusia County—4 certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates as approved by the Attorney General's office in the counties above listed, and that recommendation for cancellation be made to the Comptroller. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer to General Revenue from receipts under the Murphy Act for August, 1947:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue Fund.....$30,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
September 9, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. T. McE. Johnston of Miami, Florida, representing South Florida Conservancy District, came before the Trustees with request that Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund pay South Florida Conservancy District taxes on lands comprising Everglades Experiment Station, which taxes from 1936 to date amount to $50,155.08 on

> Section 3 South and West of Hillsborough Canal, and Section 10, all in Township 44 South, Range 37 East, Containing 825 acres in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Johnston also submitted plat showing the boundaries of the district, the reclamation and drainage works and the location of Everglades Experiment Station property with relation to drainage facilities. Information was furnished as to the history of said district, the bonded indebtedness, maintenance work and operation, the taxing plan, legislative authority and the manner in which Everglades Experiment Station land was acquired and when. Special attention was called to Chapter 20477, Acts of 1941, which provides that lands owned or used by Everglades Experiment Station are subject to South Florida Conservancy District taxes, regardless of whether title is vested in Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the State Board of Education, or any other State agency, and that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are authorized and directed to pay all South Florida Conservancy District taxes heretofore levied and assessed, or which may be levied and assessed against said lands.

Mr. Elliot being called on for report on status of the lands in question and the position heretofore taken by

the Trustees in reference to taxes against such lands, explained the situation from the standpoint of the Trustees substantially as follows:

> Since title to the land is in the State Board of Education, under provisions of the Constitution, the property cannot be made subject to taxes;
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> Everglades Experiment Station is for the benefit of the Everglades. Its expense is bourne by the State. Its operation has conferred benefits upon South Florida Conservancy District far in excess of any received from the district and for that reason the lands should be exempt from taxes.
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> Payment of taxes by the Trustees on Experiment Station land would establish a precedent for payment of taxes on school lands in Everglades Drainage District and all other sub-drainage districts in the State.

Mr. Elliot also called attention to appropriation of State money by the 1947 Legislature for Everglades Experiment Station for the biennium 1947-1949 in amount of $655,120.00, from which funds South Florida Conservancy District will derive considerable benefit.

Upon thorough discussion of the subject the Trustees were of the opinion that they were not authorized to pay taxes as requested by South Florida Conservancy District even though they had funds available to do so. Legislative action and other commitments provide for expenditures to be charged against approximately all funds available in the Trustees account.

Governor Caldwell remarked that the record would show that Mr. Johnston apeared before the Trustees and made a strong plea for funds to be made available to South Florida Conservancy District, but no action was taken.

Letter was presented from Mr. Curtis Basch of Daytona Beach, Florida, requesting that the Trustees take action for disposing of Mortgage #17985 from Effie B. Wilder to Trustees. It was explained that the land, comprising 7.62 acres in Volusia County was deeded to Effie B. Wilder in March 1929 by deed #17985 and mortgage taken by the Trustees; that in 1931 Effie B. Wilder re-conveyed three-fourths of the land back to the State and the mortgage was released as to one-fourth of the property under mortgage; that in 1939 all 7.62 acres were certified under

the Murphy Act and on April 1, 1940 were conveyed by the Trustees to B. M. Beach and Alex Littlefield. Mr. Basch on behalf of Beach and Littlefield desires appropriate action taken to clear title of the lien of the mortgage. The Secretary recommended that quit claim deed be executed upon payment of $100.00 to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for removing the mortgage lien against the title.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quit claim deed upon payment of $100.00 as recommended by Mr. Elliot. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. T. W. Conely, Jr. presented offer to the Trustees of $50.00 an acre for

> 16.1 acres of land adjacent to upland property in Section 35, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County,

requesting that the land be advertised for objections as required by law and if upon appraisal the land was valued at a higher price he would raise his bid equal to the appraisal.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections based on offer of $50.00 an acre, conditioned upon Mr. Conely agreeing to meet the appraisal in the event it should be in excess of $50.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. E. Ad Ward of Tice, Florida, came before the Trustees with application to purchase for the Junior Boys Club of Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, a spoil bank, or small island, on the south bank of the Caloosahatchee River, East Fort Myers, Section 18, Township 44 South, Range 25 East, the approximate size being 150 feet by 650 feet. He explained that the Trustees had given a lease to the Boys Club June 10, 1947 for a period of one year but in order to make improvements and construct the necessary buildings they could not get public minded citizens to put money in the project unless title to the island was in the Club; that their plan was to build a sea wall around the island, develop an athletic field and possibly construct a club building.

Governor Caldwell informed Mr. Ward that the Trustees had established a policy of not selling any islands in the State but he felt a long term lease might be arranged.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize execution of a ten-year lease in favor of the Junior Boys Club of Fort Myers, Florida, the Secretary to work out the conditions of the lease and the rental basis. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustes decline offer of $10.00 an acre from J. B. Hendry Cattle Company for

> Approximately 1700 acres of Lake Hicpochee bottom land lying South of Caloosahatchee Canal in Sections 31, 32, 33 and 34, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, and Sections 3 and 4, Township 43 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Commissioner Mayo reported that prior to his recent visit to the Everglades section he had asked Mr. Elliot to furnish him with statement of amounts expended in the Everglades by the Trustees and other information as to assistance rendered by this board; that he had shown the letter prepared by Mr. Elliot to members of the resolutions committee of the Soil Science Society of Florida, which resolution had urged that the Trustees make available funds to meet the land development and conservation emergency. Mr. J. A. Ball, a member of the committee, had asked that each member of said committee be furnished with copy of Mr. Elliot's letter showing expenditures in the Everglades area as being $2,000,000.00 in excess of receipts from that area.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that Mr. Elliot furnish copy of the letter addressed to Mr. Mayo, dated August 27, 1947, to each of the following parties:

> Mr. R. Y. Patterson, Clewiston, Florida
> Mr. J. A. Ball, Belle Glade, Florida
> Mr. L. L. Stuckey, Pahokee, Florida
> Mr. Luther Jones, Belle Glade, Florida, and
> Dr. R. V. Allison, Belle Glade, Florida.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker presented royalty deed from Coastal Petroleum Company for acceptance by the Trustees as complying with the provisions of Lease #224-A-Section 21—which provides for deed to be executed in favor of the Trustees conveying one-eighth royalty in the land designated as Well #1—Drilling Block #3—said location being described as:

> In E 1/2 of W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 13 East, Levy County, Florida.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the royalty deed be accepted as complying with the Lease #224-A, Section 21. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker reported that the Court had decided in favor of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education in the suit filed by the Attorney General questioning the authority of the two boards to exchange and transfer State lands to the United States for Everglades National Park.

Mr. Julius Parker reported that in the case filed by E. N. Claughton, for the purpose of quieting title to land on Burlingame Island, the Circuit Judge had denied the Attorney General's petition to intervene in said suit, and he asked for instructions in the event the Attorney General sought to appear on behalf of the City of Miami.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Parker to take whatever steps he deemed necessary in the case. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the United States for Maneuver Permit involving all State land in Walton County, between the Gulf of Mexico and Choctawhatchee Bay, covering the period from September 1, 1947 to December 1, 1947.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize permit for the three-months period on the area designated. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following expense accounts, necessary and regular bills and one-fourth payment to the State School Fund be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

C. M. Gay, Comptroller Tallahassee, Florida	$ 147.75
Julius F. Parker Tallahassee, Florida	557.50
Cyril Baldwin Avon Park, Florida	154.50
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	6.95
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.56
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee, Florida	74.50
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	20.20
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.68
Dewitt Sinclair, Sheriff Polk County, Bartow	22.15
E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. Dade County, Miami	12.87
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, 12-13-14 F. S. 1941	5,420.36
To Prin. State School Fund under Sec. 270—	
TOTAL	$6,419.02

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids were regular in all respects and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	8/25/47	7
Bay	9/1/47	9
Broward	8/18/47	57
Clay	8/30/47	3
Columbia	9/1/47	2
Dade	7/30/47	12
Dade	8/6/47	31
Dade	8/13/47	19
Dade	8/22/47	3
Dade	8/22/47	14
Escambia	8/27/47	2
Gadsden	8/30/47	1
Gulf	8/4/47	1
Hernando	8/25/47	4
Jackson	8/11/47	2
Lake	8/11/47	42
Liberty	8/20/47	4
Madison	8/25/47	4
Marion	9/1/47	6

Orange	8/4/47	4
Orange	9/1/47	57
Osceola	8/18/47	13
Palm Beach	8/22/47	11
Palm Beach	8/22/47	5
St. Johns	8/13/47	7
Seminole	8/5/47	6
Washington	8/20/47	2

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve bids reported and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented for correction deeds covering land in Bay and Dade Counties, Florida, together with information that the Attorney General's office had recommended that such corrections be made.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following correction deeds be issued:

Bay County Deed #575-COR. to Hunt Oil Company
Bay County Deed #645-COR. to Hunt Oil Company
Bay County Deed #738-COR. to Hunt Oil Company
Dade County Deed #4273-COR. to Leslie C. Rome.

Request was submitted from H. E. Williams that the Trustees release State road right of way reservation from his deed conveying land in Pinellas County. Information was furnished that the State Road Department had approved release as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of Pinellas County Q. C. Deed #1226 to H. E. Williams releasing road right of way as approved by the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented from the State Road Department for right of way through Murphy Act land in Alachua and Washington counties to be used in connection with two State roads.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the following easements be executed in favor of the State Road Department:

> Alachua County—State Road #25—Sec. 2602—SRD #155 Lots 1 and 2, Block 9, and Lots in Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9 Hamilton's S/4 in N 1/2 of Section 34, Township 7 South, Range 17 East, containing 2.70 acres;
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> Washington County—State Road #10—Sec. 6101—SRD. #17—Land in the City of Chipley in Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 13 West.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Four letters were presented from Attorney General Watson calling attention to discrepancies noted by the State Auditor in connection with handling Murphy Act sales in Citrus, Duval, Hillsborough and Madison counties.

The Trustees requested Mr. Elliot to call attention of the several Clerks to the items mentioned by the State Auditor's office and request that they comply with the rules of the Trustees.

Letter was presented from the City of Jacksonville, Florida, requesting permission to trim, cut and remove trees and undergrowth in Clay County, along the right of way for a new power line to be constructed for serving the United States Naval Base at Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of the City of Jacksonville for the purpose requested, conditioned upon said City making payment for all trees cut from State land of merchantable size and quality, at the rate of $12.00 per thousand feet B. M. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from John Simun of Hialeah, Florida, for release of oil and mineral reservations in Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 115—Third Addition to Hialeah, Dade County, the release being necessary in order to secure Federal loan on the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize release of the oil and mineral reservations on the lots described upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from Palm Beach County and the State Road Department that the Trustees withdraw from sale certain Murphy Act land in Palm Beach County, described as follows:

> In Sections 9, 21 and 28, Township 44 South, Range 43 East;
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> In Section 21, Township 45 South, Range 43 East; In Sections 8, 19 and 31 in Township 46 South, Range 43 East.

The lands were requested withdrawn until such time as the location of State Road #9 can definitely be determined.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees withhold from sale the lands described pending location of State Road #9 in Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Gene and Virginia Moore for purchase of the oil and mineral right in the following described land purchased by them under the Murphy Act:

> Tract 13, Florida Fruit Lands Company S/D of Section 1, Township 47 South, Range 39 East, Containing 40 acres in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to release the oil and mineral rights retained in the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from L. F. Fernald that the Trustees consummate sale in his favor of Pinellas County land, described as:

> S. 15 feet of Lot 14 and Lots 15 and 16, L. S. Fernald's S/D of Part of Blocks 56 and 58, Official Map of Tarpon Springs, Florida.

It was explained that sale of the property was held in June of this year. Confirmation was deferred at the request of the City of Tarpon Springs, the Trustees on June 24, 1947 agreeing to decline bid of Mr. Fernald and convey the property to the City upon payment of amount equal to the highest bid plus ten per cent. Over two months having elapsed and no action having been taken by the City of Tarpon Springs, the Secretary recommended that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Fernald.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the City of Tarpon Springs be given thirty (30) days within which to clear up the matter, and upon its failure to do so that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Fernald. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Certificate of former ownership was presented to the Trustees from the City of Safety Harbor, Florida, with offer of $5.00 for conveyance under Chapter 20424 of 1941 of the following described land in Pinellas County:

Lots 6 and 7, Block E, Park Heights, Section 4, Township 29 South, Range 16 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance to applicant of title to the lots described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $50.00 was presented from the city of Port Orange, Florida, for conveyance of

Lots 6 to 27, Block 1, Ridgewood Heights Estates, Volusia County, Florida.

The offer being equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer for the lots and authorize conveyance under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented from Dade, Duval, Hernando, Hillsborough, Polk, St. Johns and Sarasota counties, that certain Murphy Act certificates in said counties be cancelled for reasons stated in each request. Mr. Elliot reported that the Attorney General's Office had examined the requests and recommended that the Trustees disclaim interest in said certificates as they vested no title in the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates, as requested by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the counties named, and that recommendation be made to the Comptroller for cancellation. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Engineer and Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
September 16, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. Lawrence A. Truett and Mr. R. H. Weaver presented written application from Sun Oil Company for assignment of a portion of oil Lease #523 dated January 7, 1947, to Humble Oil and Refining Company. It was explained that agreement had been reached between the two companies whereby Humble Oil & Refining Company would drill a well to a depth of twelve thousand (12,000) feet, unless production was secured at less depth, with the provision that upon completion of the well certain portions of leases held by Sun Oil Company would be assigned to Humble, subpect to a one-sixteenth (1/16) overriding royalty; that the said well had been completed and Sun Oil Company now desires to carry out its part of the agreement by securing consent and approval from the Trustees of the Internal Imporvement Fund for assignment of a portion of the land covered by Lease #523, which said land is described as follows:

Township 44 South, Range 40 East E 1/2 of Section 1, 320 acres; All of Section 3, less the East 400 feet thereof, 591.50 acres;
All Hiatus Lot 1 and Hiatus Lot 3, except the East 400 feet, between Townships 43 and 44 South, Range 40 East, 72.40 acres.
Containing a total acreage of 983.90 acres, more or less, in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, reported that he had gone over the application and the proposed assignment and that it was in order should the Trustees desire to approve said assignment. He called attention to the fact that when assignment is made responsibility for carrying out the terms and conditions of the lease will be shifted to assignee.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay that the Trustees approve assignment of a portion of Lease #523, as requested by Sun Oil Company, to Humble Oil and Refining Company. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted.

Joint meeting State Board of Education and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Mr. G. L. Reeves, Acting General Solicitor for Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, appeared before the joint boards with request for right of way deed covering the following described land:

TRUSTEES I. I. FUND LAND—

A parcel or tract of land the East boundary which is the East boundary of Section 6, Township 45 South, Range 35 East; the West boundary of which is 200 feet West of and parallel to the East boundary of said section, and the North and South boundaries are respectively portions of the North and South boundaries of said Section 6;

Also

A parcel or tract of land the West boundary of which is the West boundary of Section 8, Township 45 South, Range 35 East; the East boundary of which is 200 feet East of and parallel to the West boundary of said Section, and the North and South boundaries are respectively portions of the North and South boundaries of said Section 8; Said Tracts of land contain 48.4 acres in Palm Beach County, Florida.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LAND—

A parcel or tract of land the South boundary of which is the South boundary of Section 16, Township 45 South, Range 35 East; the North boundary of which is 200 feet North of and parallel to the South boundary of said Section, and the East and West boundaries respectively are portions of the East and West boundaries of said Section 16. Said tract contains 24.2 acres of land in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Discussion was had as to the width of right of way requested, the two boards being of the opinion that a width of 100 to 150 feet would be ample.

Mr. Reeves and Mr. Walker explained that it was anticipated that there would be need of side tracks, warehouses and other needs which made it necessary to acquire 200 feet for right of way. The company offered $10.00 an acre for the land.

Further discussion was had as to price of the land, resulting in motion by Mr. Gray, on behalf of the State Board of Education, that the price be fixed at $25.00 an acre for right of way two hundred (200) feet wide covering the land described, ownership of which is in the State Board of Education. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

For Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund motion was made by Mr. Gay that a price of $25.00 an acre be fixed for right of way two hundred (200) feet wide, covering the land described as owned by the Trustees; provision to be made in deed reserving in favor of the Everglades Drainage District a strip one hundred thirty (130) feet wide each side of the center line of any canal at the railroad crossing. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Reeves stated that he would get in touch with his company and report back to the joint boards as soon as possible. He requested that in order to expedite the matter the Trustees and the State Board of Education, respecitvely, execute the deeds and authorize their delivery upon acceptance by the company accompanied by checks in payment for the land described. The request was granted by the joint boards and the deeds ordered executed.

Meeting of Joint Boards concluded.

Mr. Watson retired from the meeting.

Request was presented from Albert S. Dubbin, representing Sadowski Corporation, for release of phosphate, oil and mineral reservations applicable to Lots 1 and 3, Block 44, Normandy Waterway Subdivision, said lots being owned by applicant and being a part of the tidal or bay bottom lands conveyed by the Trustees to Normandy Beach Properties by deed #18089 dated May 8, 1930, and thereafter on February 10, 1937, correction deed #18089-A issued to Mortimer C. Gryzmish covering the same land in Dade County.

The Secretary suggested that since the Trustees do not convey or release the reservations referred to, a non use commitment as to the lots described would answer the purpose.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of Non-Use Commitment covering the lots owned by Sadowski Corporation upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Land Department reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees July 29, 1947, land in Lafayette and Suwannee counties had been advertised for oil leases on application from Humble Oil & Refining Company, and the following notice was published in the Tallahassee Democrat, in the Live Oak Democrat and in the Mayo Free Press, on August 8, 15, 22, 29 and September 5, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida August 1st, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and will receive competitive sealed bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building on or bebefore September 16th, 1947, at 11 o'clock A. M., for an oil and gas lease covering the following described lands in Suwannee and Lafayette Counties, Florida, to-wit:

All those certain lands under the Suwannee River in Township 4 South, Range 11 East, together with and including all alluvion, batture, islands and sand bars therein and adjacent thereto, and all accretions to said land by reliction or dereliction, as well as all additions to said land resulting from the changing of the course of said river or the opening of new channels, it being the intention of the lessor to include herein all of the land, and all of the oil and gas underlying the same, owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in said township and range, whether particularly described herein or not, consisting of approximately 523.00 acres, more or less.

Said Trustees have determined that the lease shall require royalty payments of 1/8 in kind or in value and the amount of $1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor. All bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for the amount of such cash consideration. Copies of the lease to be offered for sale are available to the general public at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building at Tallahassee, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Chapter 22824, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945.
Said Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, this 29th day of July, 1947.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest:
F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for bids and the only offer received was from Humble Oil and Refining Company—royalty payments of 1/8 in kind or in value, together with $1.00 per acre annual rental with an increase of five per cent (5%) of such original amount annually after the first two years, said lease to be for a period of ten (10) years.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that lease of the land described be authorized in favor of Humble Oil and Refining Company on the terms outlined, conditioned that none of the lands described are covered in the lease of Coastal Petroleum Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees on application from Rodney Durrance, on behalf of Joe Van DeVelde, with offer of $100.00 an acre for Glades County land, the following notice was published in the Moore Haven Democrat on August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1947, with sale date set for September 2, 1947:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 15th, 1947

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. September 2nd, 1947, for the land in GLADES COUNTY, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of Sec. 18, Twp. 40 South, Rge. 33 East, Tallahassee Meridian; thence South 0° 9' East, along the West boundary of said Section 18, 1100.0 feet to the Southwest Corner of Lot 2, of said Section 18, and the point of beginning; thence South 84° 0' East, 314.85 feet; thence South 45° 56' East, 64.50 feet; thence South 62° 36' West, 404.70 feet; thence North 0° 9' West, 263.80 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.23 acres, more or less, ALSO
Beginning at the Northwest Corner of Section 18, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, Tallahassee Meridian; thence South 0° 9' East, along the West boundary of said Section 18, 1588.80 feet to the South Right-of-Way line of State Highway No. 78 and the point of beginning; thence North 62° 36' East, along said South Right-of-Way line, 1044.60 feet; thence North 74° 23' East, 423.90 feet to the Southeast Corner Lot 2, of said Section 18; thence South 0° 9' East, 712.00 feet; thence West, 1337.29 feet; thence North 0° 9' West, 117.20 feet to the point of beginning, containing 13.77 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest:
F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

There being no quorum of the Trustees present September 2, confirmation of sale was deferred to this date.

No objections having been received, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that sale of the land described be approved in favor of Mr. Van DeVelde at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the following offers be denied, the offers being considered too low:

> Lamar Johnson—Offer of $100.00 an acre for lake bottom land in Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Containing 30 acres in Palm Beach County;
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> Paul Rardin—Offer of $20.00 an acre for Sections 7 and 9, Township 43 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County;
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> Ray D. Chamberlin—Offer of $35.00 an acre for approximately 129 acres of unsurveyed land in Section 16, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, Glades County;
>
> Harry H. Wells—Offer of $6.00 an acre for all State owned land in Bay County, Florida.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for deed to Broward County land described as follows:

> A tract of land in the SW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, bounded on the South by Government Lot 5, on the West by Government Lot 4, and on the North and East by Government Lot 6.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize deed to the State Road Department conveying the tract of land described, for use in connection with State Road #5—Sec. 8602—SRD. #16. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from S. J. Stubbs Lumber Company for cancellation of Lease #466 providing for removal

of dead head timber from the St. Johns River, between the City of Palatka in Putnam County and Lake Harney in Volusia and Seminole counties. The Company explained that it had been impossible to get any one to do the work of removing the logs and they would like for the Trustees to cancel the lease as of July 1, 1947, payment having been made to that date.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize cancellation of lease #466 as of July 1, 1947. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from S. J. Stubbs Lumber Company for extension of two years on Timber leases 321 and 322 for removal of cypress timber from State land in Lake and Volusia counties. Mr. Stubbs explained that due to war conditions he had been unable to remove the timber as fast as anticipated; that the company had been making payments regularly on the leases and desired extension for one year.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize extension of one year on each of the two leases—#321 and 322. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Charley Knowles for permission to cut timber for construction of barns, pens, etc., on property purchased from the Trustees under Contract #19138 for purchase of the following described land in Hendry County:

Sections 19, 20, 28, 30, 31 and 32, Township 45 South, Range 34 East, and
Sections 4, 6, 7 and 8, Township 46 South, Range 34 East,
Containing a total of 645.93 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees give permission for Mr. Knowles or Mr. Don R. Williams, joint purchasers, to cut timber as requested conditioned upon its being used on the land under contract. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from J. H. Holloway, on behalf of Lykes Brothers, for extension of Grazing Lease #109 covering land in Section 27, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, 174.53 acres in Glades County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize one-year extension of lease #109 upon payment of seventy-five cents (75c) per acre rental for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Miami Quarterdeck Club for ten-year extension of fishing camp lease #143"A" on 2 acres of land in Section 17, Township 55 South, Range 42 East—Shoal #4—Dade County, with offer of $50.00 annually as rental. (See Minutes of 11/25/47 for later action)

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize renewal of Lease #143"A" for a period of ten years at an annual rental of $1000.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for Trustees, reported that in suit filed by Gulf Refining Company for determining whether or not the Company was required to pay rental under Lease #362, issued to J. P. Scranton and assigned to Gulf Refining Company, if one well is drilled each five years on the leased premises, he had requested the Court to dismiss the bill of complaint but Judge Long had ruled against him; that he had gone over the lease, and all information to be found in connection with it, and could find no new material to justify an answer in the case; that the terms of the lease are such that the land can be tied up indefinitely so long as one well is drilled each five years.

The possibility of having the lease cancelled was discussed and Mr. Parker was requested to give the matter further study with the view of having it cancelled and report back to the Trustees later.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 475.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Taxes & Records	225.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	260.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Land Appraiser	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	350.00

Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney	400.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	180.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Salesman	50.00
	$2,945.00

Financial Statements for the month of August 1947 are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of August 1, 1947		$1,128,627.94
Receipts for the Month		
Land Sales	$17,349.82	
Land Sales—Chapter 14717—Martin Co.	215.85	
Interest	17.17	
Refund Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes	19.97	
Campsite Leases	125.59	
Miscellaneous Leases	1.00	
Grazing Lease	71.00	
Farm Lease	5,000.00	
Timber Leases	1,961.94	
Sand & Shell Leases	248.70	
Mineral Lease	25.00	
Lease—Lake Woodruff—Volusia County	2.00	
Total Receipts	$25,038.04	25,038.04
TOTAL		1,153,665.98
Less Disbursements for the Month of August, 1947		32,603.47
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1947		1,121,062.51

DISBURSEMENTS FOR AUGUST 1947

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
8-1-47	13827	Parker, Foster & Wigginton	$ 32.25
	13828	D. H. Sloan, Jr., C. C. C.	7.50
	13829	Capital Office Equipment Co.	7.05
	13830	Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	16.65
	13831	Railway Express Agency	1.10
	13832	D. T. Farabee, C. C. C.	1.45

	13833	News-Press Publishing Company	9.00
	13834	W. A. Wynne, C. C. C.	1.70
	13835	Ross C. Sawyer, C. C. C.	2.05
8-7-47	17238	Julius F. Parker	63.75
	17239	State Treasurer—Transfer to Principal State School Fund	7,844.91
8-12-47	22092	W. E. Brown Decorating Company	19,898.92
8-15-47	24332	Capital City Publishing Co.	1,237.77
8-19-47	29616	Cyril Baldwin	330.00
8-21-47	30677	Floyd Ellis, Sheriff	5.70
	30678	D. T. Farabee, C. C. C.	22.50
	30679	Ray E. Green, C. C. C.	30.00
	30680	Lloyd M. Hicks, C. C. C.	12.50
	30681	Bill Maddox, Sheriff	5.70
	30682	Todd Tucker, Sheriff	5.60
	30683	Geo. E. Dykes, C. C. C.	12.50
	30684	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
8-22-47	31126	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	20.55
8-28-47	33736	N. B. Broward Drainage Dist.	74.32
8-30-47	24148	F. C. Elliot	347.65
	24149	M. O. Barco	163.15
	24150	Jentye Dedge	225.70
	24151	J. B. Lee	19.00
	24152	W. B. Granger	47.50
	24153	Cyril Baldwin	190.95
	24154	A. C. Bridges	278.30
	24155	Julius Parker	433.40
	24156	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	24157	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
	24158	Bonnie G. Shelfer	147.80
	24159	Sinclair Wells	47.50
		5% Retirement Fund	78.75
		Withholding Tax	432.10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1947			$32,603.47

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of August 1, 1947	$1,390.75
Receipts for the Month	-0-
Disbursements for the Month	1,390.75
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1947	-0-

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of August 1, 1947	$88,056.45
Receipts for the Month	12,525.65
TOTAL	100,582.10
Less Disbursements for the Month	32,612.17
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1947	67,969.93

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
8-1-47	13245	State Office Supply	$ 72.00
8-14-47	22446	Capital City Publishing Co.	1,237.78
8-20-47	28952	W. A. Williams, Jr. C. C. C.	55.00
8-21-47	30045	The Southeastern Telephone Co.	10.00
	30046	The Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.54
	30047	The Capital Office Equipment Co.	.55
	30048	The H. & W. B. Drew Company	6.30
	30049	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
8-28-47	33572	W. A. Williams, Jr., C. C. C.	5.00
8-30-47	21270	Ernest Hewitt	284.70
	21271	J. R. Roberts	198.85
	21272	M. O. Barco	23.75
	21273	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	21274	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	21275	Elizabeth M. Goode	155.90
	21276	Vivian A. Dedicos	152.40
	21277	Mary Clare Pichard	152.35
	37455	State Treasurer—	
		Tr. to G. R.	30,000.00
		5% Retirement Fund	33.25
		Withholding Tax	96.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1947			$32,612.17

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that said bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	8/27/47	4
Brevard	8/30/47	39

Calhoun	7/14/47	5
Dade	8/15/47	7
DeSoto	9/10/47	3
Escambia	8/27/47	6
Hillsborough	9/8/47	51
Lake	9/8/47	9
Levy	6/23/47	1
Manatee	9/1/47	10
Nassau	9/8/47	9
Polk	7/31/47	17
Pinellas	8/19/47	86
Putnam	9/6/47	3
Sarasota	9/8/47	30
Sumter	8/25/47	28
St. Lucie	9/1/47	16
Volusia	9/1/47	20

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Three requests were presented for release of State Road reservations in deeds issued by the Trustees conveying land in Dade and Hillsborough Counties, with information that the State Road Department had recommended release of reservations as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve release of the reservations as recommended by the State Road Department and authorize execution of the following deeds:

Dade County Q. C. Deed #1076 to Pan American Metal Products Company, Inc.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #781 to Eugene W. Misner

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #4565 to Otis L. Tennant and Sara Pat Tennant, his wife.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District for temporary spoil area in Hollywood, Broward County, Florida, to be used in connection with Intracoastal Waterway, Jacksonville to Miami.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize temporary easement in favor of the United States for use of the following described land as spoil areas:

SAN 787-BB—Lots 9 and 13 of Block 152 Hollywood Central Beach.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk, Bookkeeper	$ 315.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	225.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Clerk & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk, Bookkeeper	190.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	165.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Clerk, Stenographer	175.00
TOTAL	$1,173.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
September 30, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Application was presented from Walter S. Delano with offer of $300.00 an acre for the following described parcel of land:

> A narrow strip of land lying between Lake Conway and Lots 45 and 46, Section 19, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, containing 0.249 acres in Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the strip of land for objections only based on offer from Mr. Delano. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $100.50 was presented from Palm Beach Coca-Cola Bottling Company for purchase of

> 0.134 of an acre of sovereignty land in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

Applicants are owners of the adjacent upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer subject to advertisement of the land for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented request from M. O. Worthington, on behalf of Future Farmers of Fort Lauderdale and Pompano, Florida, for permission to use the following described State land for planting a memorial forest in Broward County:

> Fractional Lot 3 (not in SE 1/4 of SW 1/4) Section 13, and Lots 4, 5 and 6, Tier 14, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Containing 39 acres;
> Fractional Lots 1 and 2 and Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Section 16, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Containing 48.0 acres;
> All Sections 6, 20 and all North of Canal in Section 28, Township 50 South, Range 40 East, Containing 267.61 acres.
> Total acreage 1,623.61 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees grant permission to the Future Farmers of Fort Lauderdale and Pompano for use of the land described, so long as used for the purpose stated and properly safe guarded. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer of $5.50 an acre from Guy Thompson and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided he will agree to bid not less than $7.50 an acre on date of sale, the said land being described as follows:

NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 12 South, Range 13 East, containing 40 acres in Dixie County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $500.00 an acre was submitted from J. N. Brown, Jr., for the following described property owned by the State:

4.6 acres of Sovereignty land adjacent to Hathaway Bridge in Bay County, located in Section 34, Township 3 South, Range 15 West.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Roger Weeks with offer of $5.00 annually for a ten year lease on the following described land, to be used for planting cane:

Tracts 60 and 61, Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, containing 20 acres in Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize ten-year lease in favor of Mr. Weeks upon payment of $6.50 annnally. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Proposal was presented from O. B. McClure for exchange of the following described land owned by him:

9.32 acres of Lots 6 and 7, Section 24, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County,

for the following described sovereignty land owned by the State:

10.34 acres South of Lots 5 and 6, Section 24, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

It was explained that the land owned by Mr. McClure is lakeward of the old dike in the Pelican Bay district, while the land owned by the State is landward of the old dike and lakeward of the meander line. Mr. McClure agreed to pay the Trustees $102.00 in addition to the land to be conveyed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the exchange be authorized upon payment by Mr. McClure of $255.00 to the State. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that Hillsborough County Port Authority, relying on a special act of the legislature—Chapter 23338 of 1947—claims certain sovereignty land in the tidal waters of Hillsborough County; that the Trustees recently deeded to Mrs. Victor Licata certain sovereignty lands adjacent to her property, over the protest of Hillsborough County Port Authority. The Port Authority now desires the official action of the Trustees on the validity of its claim, Mr. Julius Parker, Attorney for the Trustees, having advised that the Act granting this property to the Port Authority was not valid.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees stand on the advice of the attorney. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that action be deferred on request from Henry K. Wells, on behalf of Tuscon Corporation, that the Trustees allow him to clear up the South 240 acres of Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 39 East, and relinquish to the State the remaining 400 acres of the section under purchase Contract #19056 on which he has paid $3,136.70, or at the rate of $15.00 per acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the matter referred to Mr. Cyril Baldwin for appraisal of the relative value of the two parcels in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Elliot presented request from R. C. Hatton of Bartow, Florida, making application to purchase the following described parcel of land on Lake Buffum in Polk County, Florida:

> That parcel or tract of land comprising that part of Government Lot 1 in Fractional NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 26 East, containing 0.6 acres, more or less.

The land adjoining the parcel described was deeded by the Trustees in 1885 to Mr. Hatton's predecessor in title—A. H. Thompson—as Fractional NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 26 East, when it should have been deeded as Government Lot 1 of Section 12.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the small parcel described upon payment of $10.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks that the Trustees convey certain lands heretofore dedicated for park purposes in Highlands, Hardee, Columbia, Liberty, Hillsborough, Clay, Sarasota and Manatee Counties, and an additional area in Liberty County that has not been heretofore dedicated. It was explained that a part of the land as to title vested in the Trustees through foreclosure proceeding by counties under Chapter 14572 of 1929, and the remainder was land that had been deeded by private individuals for park purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Florida Board of Forestry and Parks of the land designated as follows to become a part of the State Parks listed:

GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK—
Clay County:

280 acres in Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 23 East.

HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK STATE PARK—
Hardee County:

120 acres in Section 36, Township 34 South, Range 27 East;

Highlands County:

20 acres in Section 32, Township 34 South, Range 28 East;

340 acres in Section 6, Township 35 South, Range 28 East.

HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK—
Hillsborough County:

520 acres in Sections 8 and 17, Township 27 South, Range 21 East.

MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK—
Manatee County:

9,984.3 acres in Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 in Township 37 South, Range 21 East;

Sarasota County:
15,280 acres in Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35 and 36 in Township 37 South, Range 20 East, and in Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 20 East.

O'LENO RECREATION AREA—
Columbia County:

160 acres, being the NE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 7 South, Range 17 East.

TORREYA STATE PARK—
Liberty County:

569 acres in Sections 8, 9, 16, 17, 20 and 21, Township 2 North, Range 7 West.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered prepared and executed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted, that Mr. F. C. Elliot, Engineer for the Trustees, be authorized and directed to personally contact the various drainage districts and boards with a view of lending every assistance in working out adjustments and relief with respect to recent damages caused by hurricanes and storms in areas affected, also to assist them in every way that he can in securing Federal aid for use in the rehabilitation of said damaged areas.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the following expense account be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary,
Tallahassee, Florida—Expense account
on trip to Washington July 1947.....$37.02

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Bay	9/22/47	26
Columbia	9/23/47	2
Duval	7/23/47	72
Duval	9/17/47	81
Holmes	9/15/47	1
Indian River	9/15/47	5
Jackson	9/15/47	3
Lee	8/15/47	42
Monroe	9/11/47	132
Osceola	9/15/47	27
Pinellas	6/10/47	1
Pinellas	8/19/47	1
Sarasota	9/15/47	1
Taylor	8/29/47	3
Volusia	9/1/47	1
Walton	7/7/47	1
Walton	8/7/47	4

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Charlotte A. Curry for deed to correct an error in original deed #166 conveying Monroe County land under the Murphy Act.

The Attorney General's office having approved issuance of correction deed, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees execute Monroe County Deed #166-COR. to Charlotte A. Curry for correcting plat book number and page as given in original deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented from owners of land in Brevard, Hillsborough, Lake, Lee and Volusia Counties for release of State road right of way reserved in deeds issued by Trustees. Information was furnished that the State Road Department had approved releases requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the following deeds be executed for releasing road right of ways as recommended by the State Road Department:

Brevard County Q. C. Deed #1236 to W. L. Gleason
Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #3105 to Anna B. Miller
Lake County Q. C. Deed #2290 to W. E. Orth
Lake County Q. C. Deed #2292 to Charles & Dora Orth
Lake County Q. C. Deed #2293 to Louise M. Bonhag
Lake County Q. C. Deed #2294 to W. M. B. Helm
Lake County Q. C. Deed #2331 to W. M. B. Helm
Lake County Q. C. Deed #2332 to Louise M. Bonhag
Lee County Q. C. Deed #420 to Mr. C. S. Tedder & Robert K. Tedder
Volusia County Q. C. Deed #691 to L. L. & Johnnie L. Sowell.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered executed.

Application was presented from the War Department for permit to use Murphy Act land in Bay County for army maneuvers during the period from September 21 to December 1, 1947.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of Maneuver Permit as requested covering the following described property:

NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 35, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 36, all in Township 5 South, Range 12 West, Bay County, Florida.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way through Murphy Act land in Brevard, Flagler and Pasco Counties for use in connection with State roads.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize easements as requested for the following State roads:

Brevard County Road #5—Section 7002—SRD 66 Borrow Pit area in Blocks "F" and "K" of Indian River Homesites, in Government Lot 2, Section 30, Township 26 South, Range 37 East;

Flagler County Road #11—Section 7302—SRD 142, Drainage Ditch site located in part of Lot 5, Block 18 of Flagler Beach Heights Subdivision; Pasco County Road #55—Section 1403—SRD 317 Borrow Pit site—All Lot 30, Block 201 of the City of New Port Richey.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
October 7, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells submitted for consideration sale advertised for competitive bids, based on application from L. Maxcy with offer of $25.00 an acre for Martin County land. The following notice was published in the Stuart News on September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida August 12th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for

competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. October 7th, 1947, for the land in MARTIN COUNTY, described as follows:

All that part of the bottom of Chancey Bay lying in Section 17, Township 39 South, Range 37 East, containing 250 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Thomas Denton, representing Mr. Maxcy, asked that the Trustees accept the original offer made by his client as he felt that was all the land was worth and in view of the fact that no other bidders were interested in the land.

Upon the land being called out, the only offer received was from Mr. Maxcy, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Maxcy at the price of $25.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from R. W. Farnell of Lake City, Florida, offering $1.00 per cord for knotty cedar located on State land that has been cut over in Citrus and Levy counties, from six inches up. It was explained that if the Trustees accept the offer Mr. Farnell agrees to cruise the property, estimating the amount of cedar, and based thereon make a lump sum offer and furnish definite description of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $1.00 per cord and make counter proposal to sell the timber if Mr. Farnell will agree to pay $2.50 per cord for knotty cedar only and pay cost of cruise. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the City of Punta Gorda for permission to dredge material from Peace River and deposit on property owned by the City.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, be permitted to dredge fill material from the Peace River, Charlotte County, and place the same on City owned property provided the property is to be used for public purposes and not to be placed on the market for sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $3.00 an acre was presented from Cyrus Q. Stewart for purchase of the following described land:

N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 46 South, Range 26 East, Lee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for bids provided Mr. Stewart will agree to bid not less than $5.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from Maurice Schuh, on behalf of Mrs. Carolyn P. Bozeman, offering $375.00 for approximately two (2) acres of land in Little Bayou, adjacent to applicant's upland property in Lot 66, Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections as required by law. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the City of Eustis, Florida, for permission to dredge fill material from Lake Eustis and deposit said fill on partially submerged land which borders the lake, in Lake County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to sell the fill material at the regular price charged—

5 cents per cubic yard for the first 10,000 yards
4 cents per cubic yard for the second 10,000 yards
3 cents per cubic yard for the third 10,000 yards,
and 2 cents per cubic yard for all in excess of 30,000 yards,

and in the event any of the filled land should be used for streets, parks or public purposes, credit will be given for fill so used. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application from Henry K. Wells was again presented to the Trustees, on behalf of Tuscon Corporation, to clear up the South 240 acres of Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 39 East, Palm Beach County, and relinquish to the State the remaining 400 acres under Contract #19056. $3,136.70 has been paid on the contract at the rate of $15.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to accept settlement and release 240 acres applied for upon payment of $17.50 an acre and relinquishment to Trustees of the remaining 400 acres under contract. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $12.00 an acre was presented from R. H. Gibson for purchase of the following described land:

> SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 25 East, Containing 39.95 acres in Clay County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of $12.00 an acre and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids, provided applicant will agree to bid not less than $15.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Edward Higgins of Sanford, Florida, Manager of Seminole County Chamber of Commerce, for easement over the following described State owned land:

> Government Lot 1, Section 9 and Government Lot 1, Section 10, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Containing approximately 214.6 acres, and Lot 1, Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Volusia County;
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> Government Lot 5, Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, containing 114 acres, more or less, Volusia County;
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> Government Lot 4, Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, containing 27 acres, more or less, in Lake County.

It was explained that the easement is required for spoil disposal areas to be made available to the United States Engineers in connection with improvement of St. Johns River, Jacksonville to Lake Harney.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request from Seminole County Chamber of Commerce and authorize execution of easements covering the areas described. Upon vote the motion was adpoted.

Proposal was presented from Florida Humus Company for exchange of land between the company and the Trustees. Information was furnished that through error the company conveyed to the Trustees the following described parcel of land which it did not own:

> SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 26 East, containing 40 acres in Lake County.

The company now offers to deed to the Trustees, in exchange for the above described parcel, a tract in Orange County described as follows:

> W 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4; E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4; W 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 25, Township 22 South, Range 31 East, containing 60 acres in Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the exchange as requested in order to correct the error made. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to grant request from Kenneth A. Friedman asking that the Trustees convey certain land in Section 36, Township 1 South, Range 28 East, Duval County, to compensate him for considerable acreage donated by him to Florida Inland Navigation District for right of way. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for easement across the following described land:

> S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 17 West, containing 80 acres in Walton County, Florida,

to be used as borrow pit site in connection with State Road in that county.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department for borrow pit site as described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The engineer and secretary informed the Trustees that Gulf Oil Corporation in pursuance of its contract with Trustees had by instrument dated September 15, 1947, released 550,000 acres out of its contract area to become effective October 1, 1947. In reference to said release he reported as follows:

> That among other things, the contract provides that in lieu of drilling, the lease may be extended from year to year but not beyond April 1, 1953, by the surrender and release of not less than 500,000 acres of contract lands for each annual extension. That the instant release is to cover the twelve-months period beginning October 1, 1947.
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> That the area released by the lessee is described as
>
> > "The westernmost 550,000 acres of the contract lands lying south of a line beginning at the westernmost point of the contract lands and running thence northeasterly to a point three leagues from the mainland of the State of Florida."
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> That such description is not by itself sufficiently definite to determine just what area is intended. For the purpose of clearer designation he had indicated on a map which was exhibited definite area embracing 550,000 acres which is in substantial conformity with lessee's request and in generous conformity with contract description of areas subject to lease within the specified lease boundaires.
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> That within the lease boundaries, the area to which the contract applies is defined as follows:
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> > "The lands described herein include only the bottoms of the off shore areas of the Gulf of Mexico, the submerged lands and water bottoms of all bays, sounds and bayous of said off shore areas, the adjacent Government water front lots contigous to such off shore areas,

the bottoms and adjacent water bottoms of only such rivers and lakes as are specifically named herein and which flow through natural channels into the Gulf, lands on the so-called Florida Keys and the islands, near islands, reefs and shoals within the boundaries of the above described area owned by said Trustees, as well as the bottoms of the waters surrounding said Florida Keys, islands, near islands, reefs and shoals."

That the above quoted language indicates what areas within the lease boundaries are subject to the contract.

That generally speaking the area is limited to certain kind of land and certain kind of water.

With respect to water, the contract refers to reefs and shoals within the boundaries of the described (lease) area, the bottoms of the waters surrounding the Florida Keys, and reefs and shoals.

That what constitutes shoals is not defined in the contract and is therefore but a relative term. For that reason and because of the further impracticability of determining and defining every possible so-called shoal and eliminating areas of greater depth, he had designated an area to embrace 550,000 acres which includes all bottoms which can be called shoal and also areas in a few places of fifteen fathoms which can not be considered as shoals.

That he recommended acceptance of the release as to the area indicated provided, however, that such acceptance shall not establish a precedent in admitting doubtful depth areas as part of the contract premises and that such acceptance shall in no way prejudice the rights of the Trustees as to anything growing out of contract with Gulf Oil Corporation.

Upon motion by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, the report of the engineer and secretary was accepted subject, however, to the condition that acceptance of said release of 550,000 acres shall in no way prejudice any rights of the Trustees in connection with said contract and lease with Gulf Oil Corporation.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, reported that decision had been handed down by Federal Judge A. V. Long holding that the Trustees are due Gulf Oil Corporation for the rent paid by said company on its oil lease, suit having been filed by the company for declaratory decree asking the Court to construe the terms and conditions of the lease. Mr. Parker asked whether or not the Trustees desired that he take the case on up to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees take the case before the Circuit Court of Appeals and that Mr. Parker also continue his investigation with a view to cancelling the lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker reported that South Florida Conservancy District had filed suit against the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for collection of taxes levied by the district against land owned by the State Board of Education and occupied by the Agricultural Experiment Station. The suit was based on an act of the 1941 legislature which required the Trustees to pay South Florida Conservancy District taxes heretofore or hereafer levied against land on which the experiment station is located, whether the land be owned by the Trustees, the State Board of Education, or any other State Agency.

Mr. Elliot reported as information only that Coastal Petroleum Company's Cedar Keys well had reached a depth of 3,960 feet as of September 28.

Mr. Elliot persented application from Plant Lowell Jenkins of Route 3, Box 35, Lakeland, Florida, for homestead entry on the following described land:

> E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 28 South, Range 23 East, Containing 30 acres in Polk County.

Information was furnished that the application was in order, all the necessary papers having been filed showing the character of the land and other data required by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve Homestead Entry in favor of Mr. Jenkins. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To Principal of State School Fund under Section 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941	$ 4,163.81
Ted Cabot, C. C. C. Broward County Ft. Lauderdale, Florida For redemption N. B. Broward Dr. Dist. Taxes—1937 to 1946 inclusive	12,577.33
Cyril Baldwin, Avon Park, Florida Expenses for month of September 1947	163.50
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	4.77
Parker, Foster & Wigginton, Tallahassee, Fla.	28.24
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	50.00
Frank J. Heintz, Tallahassee, Florida	49.12
C. M. Gay, Comptroller, Tallahassee, Fla.	8.08
TOTAL	$17,044.85

Financial Statements for the month of September 1947 are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of September 1, 1947			$1,121,062.51
Receipts for the Month			
Land Sales		$13,679.83	
Land Sale—Chapter 14717— Martin Co.		10.00	
Interest		203.01	
Farm Lease—Chapter 14717— Glades Co.		100.00	
Miscellaneous Leases	$555.12		
Less Returned Ck. Pitchford Bros.	50.00	505.12	
Grazing Lease		10.00	
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases		772.92	
Timber Leases		2,411.54	
Mineral Leases	100.00		
Less Ret'd Ck. Atlantic Engineering Corporation	50.00	50.00	
Total Receipts		17,742.42	17,742.42
TOTAL			1,138,804.93
Less Disbursements for the Month of September, 1947			9,401.04
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1947			1,129,403.89

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1947

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
9-10-47	43296	Southeastern Telephone Company	$ 6.95
	43297	Western Union Telegraph Company	.56
	43298	Rose Printing Company	74.50
	43299	The H & W B Drew Company	20.20
	43300	Capital Office Supply Company	1.68
	43301	DeWitt Sinclair, Sheriff	22.15
	43302	E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C.	12.87
9-11-47	44731	Julius F. Parker	557.50
	44732	Cyril Baldwin	154.50
	44733	State Treasurer—Transfer to Principal State School Fund	5,420.36
9-12-47	45623	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	147.75
9-30-47	40586	F. C. Elliot	347.65
	40587	M. O. Barco	163.15
	40588	Jentye Dedge	225.70
	40589	J. B. Lee	19.00
	40590	W. B. Granger	47.50
	40591	Cyril Baldwin	190.95
	40592	A. C. Bridges	278.90
	40593	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	40594	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	40595	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
	40596	Bonnie G. Shelfer	147.80
	40597	Sinclair Wells	47.50
	58880	F. C. Elliot	37.02
		5% Retirement Fund	78.75
		Withholding Fund	432.10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1947			$9,401.04

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of September 1, 1947	-0-
Receipts for the Month	275.00
Disbursements for the Month	-0-
BALANCE AS OF SEPETMBER 30, 1947	$275.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of September 1, 1947	$ 67,969.93
Receipts for the Month	33,440.17
TOTAL	101,410.10
Less Disbursements for the Month	1,121.50
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1947	$100,188.60

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1947

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
9-4-47	39570	Arthur W. Newell, C. C. C.	$ 5.00
	39571	Rosa Lee Burnett, Evelna Manchester, Fred D. Anderson & Mable Hibbs, Sole Heirs of Eva V. Anderson, Deceased	43.50
9-30-47	39031	Ernest Hewitt	284.70
	39032	J. R. Roberts	198.85
	39033	M. O. Barco	23.75
	39034	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	39035	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	39036	Elizabeth M. Goode	155.90
	39037	Vivian A. Dedicos	152.40
	39038	Mary Clare Pichard	152.35
		5% Retirement Fund	33.25
		Withholding Tax	96.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1947			$1,221.50

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the folowing report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	9/24/47	5
Charlotte	8/11/47	5
Dade	9/26/47	9
Escambia	10/2/47	9
Hardee	1/6/47	19
Hardee	2/3/47	5
Hilsborough	9/24/47	237
Holmes	9/22/47	1
Martin	8/18/47	10

Palm Beach	9/12/47	41
Palm Beach	9/12/47	1
Polk	8/29/47	14
Sarasota	9/29/47	1
Seminole	9/29/47	14

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trutsees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for correction of error in deed conveying land to Samuel LeRoy Carroll, the wrong block number having been given in original deed. Information was furnished that the Attorney General's office had approved issuance of the deed to correct error.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of Pinellas County Deed #1999-COR. to Samuel LeRoy Carroll. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented for release of State road right of way reservation in deed issued by Trustees, together with recommendation from the State Road Department that said reservation be released.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Okaloosa County Q. C. Deed No. 92 to Cecil A. Bass and Edith V. Bass, for releasing right of way reservation as approved by the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way through Flagler County land for use in connection with State Road No. 11—Sec. 7302—SRD #156.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department across the following described land:

> That part of Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 204; That part of Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 213; Lot 1, Block 214, and Lots 5 to 10, Inclusive, Block 215; all of Bunnell, lying within 40 feet each

side of the center line of Canal "H" Bunnell Drainage District, less 50 foot right of way for canal.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of Jacksonville, Florida, for permission to erect a power line across Lot 11, Section 15—Ridgewood—Clay County, Florida. Power line is to serve the U. S. Naval Station at Green Cove Springs.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the City of Jacksonville for power line right of way as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Humble Oil & Refining Company for oil lease on the following described land:

237 acres in Sections 31 and 32, Township 4 South, Range 7 East, Taylor County.

The Company offers $1.00 an acre plus one-eighth (1/8) royalty for ten-year lease of the reserved interest the Trustees hold in the land described, applicant having already secured lease from the surface owner of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for bids as required by Chapter 22824 of 1945, based on the offer submitted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the following bills and request the Comptroller to issue warrants in payment therefor:

J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	$139.52
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	6.25
The Geo. D. Barnard Company, St. Louis, Mo.	39.90
Bulkley-Newman Printing Company, Tallahassee, Florida	136.50
TOTAL	$322.17

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer to General Revenue from reecipts under the Murphy Act for September, 1947:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue Fund.....$30,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
October 17, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol.

Present:

C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Upon request from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 475.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Taxes & Records	225.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	260.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Land Appraiser	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	350.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney	400.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	180.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Salesman	50.00
TOTAL	$2,945.00

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Upon request from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, that the following salaries and necessary and regular expenses be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 315.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	225.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Clerk & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk-Bookkeeper	190.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	165.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Stenographer	175.00
R. W. Baughman St. Petersburg, Florida Refund part deed #4136	50.00
City of Tarpon Springs Tarpon Springs, Florida Refund, account failure by City to show former ownership	5.00
TOTAL	$1,228.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

En Route to Miami, Florida
October 28, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in special session.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Attention was called to the need for additional equipment for doing necessary drainage work on State land at State

Farm No. 2 Belle Glade, especially in view of the excessively heavy rain fall in that section for the past several months.

Upon discussion of the question, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees make available $7,625.00 for purchase of a caterpillar tractor to be used at the Belle Glade farm; also, that the Budget Commission be requested to release such amount from the reserve fund of the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 4, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees dated July 8, 29, August 5, 19, 26, September 9, 16, 30 and October 7, 1947, were presented for approval, each member having been furnished with copies of the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the minutes as presented be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Frank J. Heintz, Assistant Attorney General, reported to the Trustees that decision had been handed down by Circuit Judge Fred Hocker in Wilson Cypress Company trespass case, supporting the contention of the State that

Wilson Cypress Company had no rights in the so-called preferential lands, but held that Wilson Cypress Company does own the lands in the Fitch Grant located in Township 17 South, Range 29 East, and the disputed parcel in Township 16 South, Range 29 East, Volusia County. Mr. Heintz explained the possible advantages and disadvantages of appealing the case to the Supreme Court; that the record in the case is voluminous that it is doubtful whether it would be possible for the Court to properly review the entire file, and in view of other circumstances (which were explained by Mr. Heintz) the Trustees were requested to take action as to whether or not appeal should be taken.

Attention was called to timber lease in favor of S. J. Stubbs Lumber Company and the removal of timber on the tract which Judge Hocker held was owned by Wilson Cypress Company; that adjustment would have to be made with Mr. Stubbs, and possibly also with Wilson Cypress Company for the timber removed by Mr. Stubbs from the Fitch Grant under his lease from the Trustees, although Mr. Heintz believes that Wilson Cypress Company would waive the trespass by Stubbs.

Mr. Heintz also reported that Judge Hocker had ruled that the Trustees were not liable for plaintiffs court costs as contended by Wilson Cypress Company.

In summing up the case Mr. Heintz recommended that the Attorney General's office be authorized to settle the litigation on the basis of the final decree.

Discussion was had as to what settlement could be made with Mr. Stubbs, Mr. Larson suggesting that Mr. Heintz be authorized to find out what sort of settlement could be made with Mr. Stubbs, before the next meeting of the Trustees. The suggestion of Mr. Larson was adopted as the action of the Trustees.

Mr. Wells reported that on August 19, the Trustees had given Atlantic Engineering Company an extension of ninety (90) days within which to make showing that it was capable of carrying out the conditions of a lease for taking mineral sand from the beaches in Brevard, St. Lucie, Indian River and Martin Counties; that the parties making up Atlantic Engineering Company have disagreed as to management and policy and are asking for a division of the area covered by Leases 274 and 414 and that he had informed both parties that he would recommend to the Trustees that two leases be granted—75% of the area to go

to Florida Ore Processing Company, Inc., and 25% to Atlantic Engineering Company representing the respective interests as agreed upon by them—provided said parties furnish the Trustees with definite written plans for carrying out the work provided in the leases; that the Trustees would require that the companies put up guarantee for performance of the contracts; that the leases be drawn in such manner that in the event the terms thereof be not fulfilled the leases will be cancelled immediately; that he would get with Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, and that the leases would be prepared along lines that would provide for strict compliance of terms of said leases.

Mr. Hamilton stated that Atlantic Engineering Corporation desired lease on a length of three townships, representing one-fourth of the total to be leased to Florida Ore Processing Company and Atlantic Engineering Corporation.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees agree to issuance of two leases as recommended by Mr. Wells and that payment of amount now due on the leases—$454.71—be required, one-fourth by Atlantic Engineering Company and three-fourths by Florida Ore Processing Company, Inc. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Offer of $7.00 an acre was presented from A. G. McArthur for purchase of the following described land in Nassau County:

> Lot 4 of the W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 25 East, Containing 70 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. McArthur. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Judge C. E. Chillingworth with offer of $5.00 an acre for

> Sovereignty land abutting Lots 6 and 7, Section 6; Lots 2, 3 and 7, Section 7, and Lots 11 and 12, Section 8, Township 41 South, Range 43 East, Containing 149.49 acres in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to accept the offer of $5.00 an acre, but make counter proposal to sell the parcels adjacent to Judge Chillingworth's upland property at a price of $10.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from L. B. McLeod for purchase of land adjacent to his upland property on Lake Conway at a price of $300.00 an acre. The land applied for is described as:

> Tracts 1 and 2 of Lot 1, Block "A", Lake Conway Park, Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Containing 1.12 acres in Orange County.

The price being in line with recent sales in that area, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize the land advertised for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Sun Oil Company that the Trustees advertise for oil lease the following described land:

> Section 35, and Section 36 except N 1/2 of NE 1/4, Township 2 North, Range 18 East, Containing 1200 acres in Columbia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for bids to be reecived for oil lease based on application from Sun Oil Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Consideration was given to offer of $25.00 an acre from M. H. Tallman for purchase of the following described land:

> S 1/2 of Lot 2, Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, Containing 40 acres in Gilchrist County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Tallman. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees having held a special meeting October 28, 1947, while on a trip to South Florida, and authorized the

purchase of a tractor for use by State Farm No. 2, Belle Glade, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that action taken on that date be now confirmed and authority given for payment of the machine. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from C. A. Bailey, on behalf of Ben Bolton, that the Trustees not require payment of $650.00 rent due on Farm Lease #18461 for this crop season owing to the high water condition in that section. The lease covers lake bottom land in Sections 2 and 35 of Townships 43 and 44 South, Range 45 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to grant the request but it was agreed that more time be allowed for payment of the rent due. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the United States Naval Air Station for lease on the following described land in Broward County to be used as a strafing target:

> NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 26, and the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 49 South, Range 39 East, Containing 80 acres,

with termination date as of June 30, 1948.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request of the United States and that lease be executed covering he area described. Upon vote, motion adopted.

Request was presented from Henry K. Wells, on behalf of Tuscon Corporation, that the Trustees reconsider action taken October 7, fixing a price of $17.50 an acre for release from Contract #19056 of the

> South 240 acres of Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 39 East, Palm Beach County,

and allow him to make payment at the rate of $15.00 an acre for the 240 acres, which was the purchase price, and relinquish the remaining 400 acres to the State.

Mr. Wells reported that the had made an investigation of the character of the land and that $15.00 an acre was a fair price, as the entire section was about the same kind of land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize release of the acreage requested from Contract #19056 at a price of $15.00 an acre, upon relinquishment to the Trustees of the remaining 400 acres under contract. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $1.00 an acre was presented from the City of Melbourne, Florida, for conveyance of

> Approximately 50 acres, less State Road R/W, of sovereignty land adjacent to Lots 1 to 16, inclusive, Block 24, Township 28 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land applied for at a price of $1.00 per acre, the deed to contain a reversion clause in the event the land should ever be used for other than public purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Attorney for the Trustees, reported that Coastal Petroleum Company had delivered deeds covering the one-eighth (1/8) royalty on all oil, gas and other minerals on the following described land in Levy County:

> S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, and E 1/2 of the W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 13 East; and A parcel constituting the Easterly 40 acres of Lot 2, Section 21, Township 15 South, Range 13 East, bounded on the North by the northerly boundary of Section 21; on the East by the easterly boundary of said Lot 2; on the South by the southerly boundary of the NE 1/4 of said Section 21, and on the West by a line extending one-half mile, more or less, north and south from the northerly boundary of said Section 21, to the southerly boundary of the NE 1/4 of said Section 21, which line also forms the eastern boundary of the westerly part of Lot 2, said westerly part of said Lot 2 consisting of 37.09 acres, more or less.

He also told the Trustees that in lieu of an abstract of title on the land attorneys J. Thomas Gurney and W. W. Arnold had furnished certificate that the title was merchantable, and that he would like to know whether or not such certificate would be satisfactory to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the opinion of the two attorneys in lieu of abstract. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary, presented written report on Coastal Petroleum Company's well in Levy County as follows:

October 24, 1947

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
Of the State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida Re: Coastal Petroleum Company's
Lease No. 224 A as modified

Dear Sirs:

Under the above styled lease Coastal Petroleum Company on August 16th began drilling its Number 1 Ragland Well on Section 16 of Township 15 South, Range 13 East, Levy County, Florida, as reported by me to the Trustees on August 19, 1947. Regularly thereafter, as required by contract, Coastal Petroleum Company reported its progress in the drilling of said well. The last report dated October 21, 1947, shows that at a depth of 5790 feet Paleozoic shale had been encountered and that at its final depth of 5850 feet the hole was bottomed in unweathered Paleozoic black shale, thereby reaching basement rock beyond which there was no justification for drilling.

Among other things, the contract provides as follows:

> "Said well or wells shall be drilled to a depth not less than six thousand (6,000) feet, when drilling is specified unless oil, gas, or sulphur has been found in paying quantities or igneous rock, or paleozoic formation, or formations not susceptible of being drilled with first-class drilling equipment is encountered at a lesser depth."

Coastal Petroleum Company having reached aforesaid paleozoic formation, its well drilling contract with respect to depth and formation encountered has been met.

The progress report above referred to further states that the well was abandoned as a dry hole on October 18, 1947, and that cement plugs were

set at 4260 feet, 1860 feet, 300 feet, and a metal cap welded at the surface. The cap was used in place of cement plug in order that the casing at the hole could be salvaged at a later date.

From the foregoing it appears that Coastal Petroleum Company has met its contract with respect to its Number 1 Ragland well.

This office has cooperated with and had cooperation from the company in all matters connected with its work.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. ELLIOT
Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Julius Parker, Attorney for the Trustees, reported with reference to suit filed by South Florida Conservancy District requiring that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund show cause why they should not pay taxes on land owned by the State Board of Education and used by the Experiment Station; that he had filed the necessary papers on behalf of the Trustees and that the District had requested extension of fifteen (15) days for filing further pleadings in the cause.

Offer of $5,124.00 was submitted from Frank E. Duhme for satisfaction of Mortgage #17618 involving purchase of land in

Sections 3 and 4, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Containing 85.4 acres in Pinellas County.

Mr. Wells reported that this was one of the old mortgages that had been turned over to Mr. Julius Parker for foreclosure but had not been foreclosed as yet; that the land was originally sold at a price of $100.00 an acre in May 1926, with cash payment of $2,135.00. No further payments have been made on the purchase. A recent appraisal by Mr. Cyril Baldwin fixed the value of the land as equal to the offer by Mr. Duhme.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer and direct that satisfaction of Mortgage #17618 be executed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker reported that about forty (40) old mortgages had been turned over to him for foreclosure and that in a great number of cases Mr. Wells has been working out settlement with original purchasers, or others, prior to foreclosure; that as rapidly as possible suits are being filed and foreclosures completed.

Mr. D. P. McKenzie of Chiefland, Florida, requested that the Trustees give consideration to purchase of a tract of land in Levy County to become a State Park. It was explained that Manatee Springs on the Suwannee River could be purchased at this time for $26,967.00, including a tract of land located about five miles due west of Hardeetown and described as follows:

Section 13—111.60 acres; Section 23—80.00 acres; Section 24—300.00 acres; Section 25—360.00 acres; Section 26—203.00 acres; Section 35—82.80 acres; Containing a total of 1,137.41 acres in Township 11 South, Range 13 East, Levy County.

A cruise of the timber by Paterson-McInnis Lumber Company, owner of the property, estimates timber on the land as follows:

389,000 feet hardwood at $10.00 per thousand—	$4,890.00
45,000 feet cypress at $20.00 per thousand—	900.00
649,000 feet pine at 410.00 per thousand——	$6,490.00
1,083,000 feet	$11,280.00

Mr. McKenzie advised that he would donate certain land owned by him north and south of the springs and that the County had agreed to purchase 240 acres, to become a part of the park, if the State will purchase the tract from the lumber company.

A letter was presented from the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks approving the tract as a park site and recommending that the Trustees make the purchase for the Park Service or provide funds with which to buy the land, with the understanding that such funds will be replaced from the current appropriation to the Improvement Commission for park land purchase when such appropriation becomes available for expenditure.

Mr. McKenzie asked that the Trustees take the matter under consideration and if necessary he will again come before the Trustees with Mr. Scoggin, Park Director, at the meeting November 18.

Mr. Elliot suggested that the Trustees would want to know how and when the money would be refunded in the event it was decided to make the money available.

Mr. Elliot was requested to take the matter up with Mr. Scoggin and report to the Trustees later his recommendations.

Offer of $15.00 per lot was presented from H. A. Vivian for

> Lots 23 to 32 inclusive, Block 1 — Dixie Park Heights—Section 22, Township 56 South, Range 38 East, Dade County.

Mr. Elliot explained that title to these lots vested in the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District, under provisions of Chapter 14717 of 1931, and that the offer was in excess of amount the Trustees have in the lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to accept $25.00 per lot. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Mr. Evans Crary, on behalf of Walter O. Johns, for additional extension of six (6) months within which to make final payment of $4,102.69 due on his contract for purchase of tax reverted lands under Chapter 14572 of 1929 described as Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Township 38 South, Range 39 East, containing 3,870.64 acres in Martin County. It was explained that the note was due in September 1946 and Mr. Johns was given an extension of one year at that time upon payment of interest.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant extension of six months as requested by Mr. Johns, provided interest due to date is paid and payment of taxes due on the land with copy of tax receipt furnished to the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented for homestead entry under provisions of Chapter 22860, Acts of 1945, covering county owned lands in Sarasota County. The applicants with description of lands are as follows:

Stanley Adams, Sarasota, Florida 38 acres in Blocks A, B, C. D, E, F, R, S, T, U and V, Replat of East Sarasota, Plat Book 3, Page 50, Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 18 East;

Sidney Jerry Baxley, Sarasota, Florida NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, Containing 40 acres.

Mr. Elliot informed the Trustees that the applications were in order, all the necessary papers having been filed showing the character of the land and other data required under the Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the two applications presented. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment during November of Everglades Drainage District and sub-drainage district taxes on State owned land in order to take advantage of the four per cent (4%) discount allowed, and the Comptroller was requested to issue warrants in payment of the following for which statements have been received:

Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector Dade County Miami, Florida		
Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	$11,162.97	
Naranja Sub. Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	280.00	
	11,442.97	
Less 4% Discount	457.72	10,985.25
R. D. Yoder, Tax Collector Glades County Moore Haven, Florida		
Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	319.80	
Less 4% Discount	12.79	307.01
R. N. Miller, Tax Collector Hendry County LaBelle, Florida		
Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	1,370.46	
Less 4% Discount	54.82	1,315.64

Frank J. Armistead, Tax Collector
Highlands County
Sebring, Florida

Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	43.78	
Less 4% Discount	1.75	42.03

C. H. Collier, Tax Collector
Collier County
Everglades, Florida

Everglades Drainage Dist. Taxes for 1947	2.10	
Less 4% Discount	.08	2.02

Bessie Alderman, Tax Collector
Okeechobee County, Okeechobee, Fla.

Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	153.18	
Less 4% Discount	6.13	147.05

Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector
Dade County, Miami, Florida

Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	315.11	
Less 4% Discount	12.60	302.51

Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector
Palm Beach County
West Palm Beach, Florida

Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	36,373.56	
South Florida Conservancy Dist. Taxes for 1947	14,399.04	
Ritta Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	999.42	
South Shore Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	106.72	
Pahokee Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	378.63	
East Beach Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	13.20	
Pelican Lake Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	2,263.49	
	54,534.06	
Less 4% Discount	2,181.13	52,352.93

W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector
Broward County
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1947	13,323.09	
Less 4% Discount	532.92	12,790.17

E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. Dade County
Miami, Florida
For Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes..... 14.55 14.55

TOTAL $78,259.16

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following expense account be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant in payment therefor:

Cyril Baldwin
Avon Park, Florida
Expenses for month of October 1947.....$117.00

Mr. Elliot told the Trustees that he had prepared a report of his examination, as directed by the Governor, of flood conditions in the Fort Lauderdale-Davie area. Mr. Elliot was requested to furnish each member with copy for individual consideration. It was so ordered.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids are regular in all respects, have been properly checked, and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Bay	9/22/47	1
Calhoun	7/14/47	1
Clay	10/11/47	1
Columbia	10/13/47	2
Duval	7/23/47	1
Duval	9/17/47	2
Gadsden	10/14/47	2
Hardee	3/3/47	29
Hillsborough	10/7/47	41
Holmes	10/6/47	1
Lake	10/13/47	29
Manatee	10/6/47	21
Marion	10/6/47	8
Orange	10/6/47	2
Palm Beach	10/10/47	9
Palm Beach	10/10/47	2
Pasco	10/6/47	15
Polk	8/29/47	1

Putnam	10/4/47	8
St. Johns	9/11/47	25
Suwannee	10/6/47	2
Taylor	10/3/47	3
Volusia	10/6/47	17
Walton	9/22/47	1
Alachua	10/22/47	11
Broward	10/20/47	12
Citrus	8/25/47	5
Citrus	10/18/47	4
Gulf	10/27/47	1
Hardee	3/3/47	29
Hernando	10/20/47	3
Indian River	10/20/47	2
Lee	8/15/47	1
Liberty	8/20/47	1
Liberty	9/10/47	7
Liberty	9/30/47	1
Okeechobee	7/21/47	8
Okeechobee	9/15/47	3
Seminole	10/27/47	4

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Three applications were presented for release of State road reservation in deeds heretofore executed by the Trustees involving land in Hillsborough and Palm Beach counties. Information was furnished that the State Road Department had approved releases as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve execution of the following deeds for releasing State road right of ways as recommended by the State Road Department:

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 08-Chap. 21684 to Marvin M. O'Haver and Gladys E. O'Haver;
Palm Beach County Q. C. Deed No. 637 to Aloysius Hergenrother;
Palm Beach County Q. C. Deed No. 681 to Aloysius Hergenrother.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented requests from C. R. Parker and L. S. Mowery and wife for correction deeds involving land

in Indian River and Palm Beach counties. It was explained that the Attorney General's office had approved issuance of correction deeds in these cases.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the following correction deeds:

> Indian River County Deed No. 704-COR. to L. S. Mowery and wife, to correct description in original deed;
>
> Palm Beach County Deed No. 1227-COR. to C. R. Parker to correct initial in grantee's name.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement across land in Hamilton County described as follows:

> S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 2 South, Range 16 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize easement across the above described land for use in connection with State Road No. 135—Sec. 3202—SRD. No. 31—Hamilton County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the United States for Maneuver Permit for the period from September 21 to December 1, 1947, covering the following described land:

> Lot 11, Rodney Survey of Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 12 West, Bay County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of the United States as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented appraisal made by Mr. Cyril Baldwin of timber applied for by Goethe Lumber Company. Offer of $1800.00 was made by the company for approximately 95,000 feet of pine timber on the following described land:

> Titusville Heights S/D of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, and NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 22

South, Range 35 East, Containing 80 acres in Brevard County.

The land is located about two (2) miles north of Titusville and one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value is $3,247.50. Goethe Lumber Company applies for only the timber.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $1800.00 and make counter proposal to accept $2,000.00 for the timber on the land.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was preesnted from United States Naval Air Station, Miami, Florida, for lease on

Tracts 3, 4 and 6, comprising 30 acres of land in Section 5, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, Broward County,

to be used as Bombing Target #1; lease to be dated January 1, 1941 and ending June 30, 1948, and subject to renewal till June 30, 1952.

Upon recommendation from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize lease covering the area described; that the lease be dated this date with a statement that the Trustees interpose no objection to use of the tract by the Navy Department prior to November 4, 1947. Expiration date to be as applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Charles W. Roberts for release of oil and mineral reservations in deed conveying

Lots 23 and 24, Block 16-B—Sixth Addition to Hialeah, Dade County, Florida.

It was explained that these are city lots and the applicant is unable to secure a loan for construction of his house until the reservations are removed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize release of the reservations as requested upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Consideration was given to request from North St. Lucie Drainage District for conveyance of the following described property:

Lots 2 and 3; Lot 4 North of Canal; Lots 5 to 17, both inclusive, Block 1; Lots 15, 16, 17, 25, 26 and 27 North of Canal, Block 2, all in Granada Parque, Section 6, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County.

Mr. Elliot advised that the base bid necessary to purchase the land under regular sale was $35.25

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to convey the lots to the District under provisions of Chapter 21684 without advertisement and public sale, upon payment of $36.25. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented applications from a number of Clerks of the Circuit Courts requesting cancellation of certain Murphy Act certificates, based on statement that title to land covered by said certificates did not vest in the State. Also information was furnished that the Attorney General's office had approved disclaiming interest in the certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certificates covering land in Alachua, Bay, Columbia, DeSoto, Duval, Hamilton, Hernando, Lake, Martin, Palm Beach and Sarasota counties, as approved by the Attorney General.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, acting as the Board of Drainage Commissioners, confirm action taken October 28, 1947, by said Board, while on a trip to south Florida, approving issuance of $65,000.00 of drainage bonds by Indiantown Drainage District located in Martin County, Florida, such approval being evidenced by execution of a Certificate of Approval. Copy of said Certificate of Approval is filed in the records of the Board of Drainage Commissioners. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the action confirmed.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 18, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Elliot presented the following letter from Mr. Julius F. Parker, Special Attorney, giving his opinion as to title to land in Palm Beach County, involved in proposed exchange between Hillsboro Plantations, Inc. and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, together with abstract of title #36047 compiled by Security Abstract & Insurance Company of Palm Beach, Florida;

November 6, 1947

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
State Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Gentlemen:

I hand you herewith my opinion of the title to the following described land, situate, lying and being in Palm Beach County, Florida:

All Sections 24, 26, 35 and 36, and the East half and the Southwest quarter of Section 14, Township 45 South, Range 39 East, and all of Section 17, township 45 South, Range 38 East.

My opinion is based on that certain abstract of title numbered 36,047 compiled by Security Abstract and Insurance Company of Palm Beach, Florida, covering that period of time from the earliest records down to and including September 4, 1947, at 8:00 o'clock A. M.

Based on the above designated abstract, it is my opinion that title to the above described property is presently vested in Hillsboro Plantations,

Inc., a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Florida, subject to the following limitations and exceptions:

1. All questions of survey.

2. Right or rights of any and all parties in possession.

3. Taxes for the year 1947, including county and Everglades Drainage district taxes.

4. An oil lease to Humble Oil and Refining Company, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, appearing as Item 62 of the abstract, filed for record in Palm Beach County, Florida, dated January 27, 1945, reserves to Shawano Plantation, Inc., a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine, 1/8 of the oil and gas, and 1/10 of the other minerals taken from the above described land. Subsequently, and on June 30, 1945, Shawano Plantation, Inc., assigned one-half of its share of any and all money rentals, royalties, bonuses, payments and delay moneys and other sums due and to become due to the said Shawano Plantation, Inc. under the terms and conditions of the said oil lease to the Hillsboro Plantations, Inc. The present status of the oil and mineral rights and interests therein appears as follows:

   Humble Oil and Refining Company, 7/8 of the oil and gas and 9/10 of the other minerals;

   Shawano Plantation, Inc., 1/16 of the oil and gas and 1/20 of the other minerals;

   Hillsboro Plantations, Inc., 1/16 of the oil and gas and 1/20 of the other minerals.

Based on the above and foregoing opinion of title, it is my further opinion that a proper deed from Hillsboro Plantations, Inc., will convey good fee simple title to the surface rights in the above described land, and that in order for a grantee to secure any of the mineral interests, including oil

and gas, an assignment must be secured from the said Hillsboro Plantations, Inc. and from Shawano Plantation, Inc. of their respective rights in and to such minerals.

Very truly yours,

(S) Julius F. Parker, Attorney
Trustees of the Internal
Improvement Fund.

Mr. Elliot explained that the exchange had been agreed upon sometime ago—February 25, 1947—but that definite action had not been taken as to reservations usually included in deeds. His recommendation was that the Trustees take title from Hillsboro Plantations, Inc. without any reservations in deed and convey title to the company in the same manner, authority for omitting reservations in deeds from the Trustees in connection with land exchanges having been given by Chapter 23617, Acts of 1947; that all taxes against the land be paid and that all leases for oil and gas, phosphate and other minerals be assigned to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm exchange of land as heretofore agreed upon and that the Secretary's recommendation as to conveyance without any reservations, the payment of taxes and assignment of oil leases be adopted as the action of the board. Upon vote the motion was carried.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees September 30, 1947, on application of Walter S. Delano with offer of $300.00 an acre for Orange County land, the following notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida, October 9th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. November 18th, 1947, for the land in Orange County, described as follows:

From the extreme northerly corner of Lot 45 of C. H. Hoffners Subdivision as per plat

thereof recorded in Plat Book "F", Page 37, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, run North 48° West, 30.1 feet to point of beginning; thence South 46° 41′ West, 148.2 feet; thence North 48° West, 73.4 feet along the extension of line between Lots 46 and 47 to waters of Lake Conway; thence North 46° 41′ East, 148.2 feet along waters of Lake Conway to the extension of the line between Lots 44 and 45; thence South 48° East, 73.4 feet to point of beginning, containing 0.249 acres, all in Section 19, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land having been advertised for objections, and no objections having been filed or presented when the description was called out, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Delano at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees September 30, 1947, on application from Maurice Schuh, on behalf of Carolyn P. Bozemans, who agreed to pay $375.00 for Pinellas County property the following notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida, October 10th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00

o'clock A. M. November 18th, 1947, for the land in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of Lot 66, Map of Disston, Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 17 East; thence due South 264 feet; thence East 331.13 feet; thence due North 264 feet to the South East Corner of said Lot 66; thence West along the South line of said lot 331.13 feet to point of beginning, containing approximately 2 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out and no objections being presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mrs. Bozemans at a price of $375.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees September 30, 1947, on application from Palm Beach Coca-Cola Bottling Company, with offer of $750.00 an acre, or $100.50, for parcel of land in Palm Beach County, the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida October 9th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. November 18th, 1947, for the land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

Sovereignty land abutting on Lot 75-A and the southwesterly 20 feet of Lot 74-A according to the supplemental plat of Frac. Sec. 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 60 of the Palm Beach County Florida Records, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commence at the NW Corner of Lot 75-A, aforesaid, thence North 29° 38' 50" West, 77.0 feet along the Lot Line projected, thence North 58° 12' 40" East, 85 feet along the U. S. R/W Line, thence, South 29° 38' 50" West, 84.06 feet, thence South 62° 35' 10" West, 85.25 feet, along the 17 Foot Contour to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.134 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, and no objections being presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize consummation of sale in favor of Palm Beach Coca-Cola Bottling Company at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from J. N. Brown, Jr., with offer of $500.00 an acre for Bay County land, the Trustees ordered the land advertised for objections and the following notice was published in the Panama City News-Herald on October 10, 17, 24, 31 and November 7, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida October 4th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00

o'clock A. M. November 18th, 1947, for the land in BAY COUNTY, described as follows:

That part of fractional SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 and fractional SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 3 South, Range 15 West, (lying South of State Road No. 1 as the same is now located and constructed) described as follows: Commence at the SE Corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 3 South, Range 15 West and run Westerly along the South line of said NE 1/4 of Section 34 a distance of 282.07 feet to the centerline of State Road 30, formerly known as State Road 10; thence North 61° 11' West 2163.02 feet to U. S. Government Meander Line on the Easterly side of St. Andrews Bay; thence South 67° 00' West 62.61 feet to the Southerly right of way line of the above said State Road No. 30, formerly known as Sate Road 10, the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 61° 11' West along said Southerly right of way line 91.01 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the Southwesterly, having a radius of 2594.58 feet; thence Northwesterly along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 13° 52' 37" a distance of 628.37 feet; thence South 14° 56' 23" West along a radial line of said curve 300 feet, more or less, to the waters edge of the above said St. Andrews Bay; thence Southeasterly along said waters edge of St. Andrews Bay 450 feet, more or less, to the above said U. S. Government Meander line; thence North 57° 00' East along said meander line 300 feet; thence North 67° 00' East along said meander line 90.29 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 4.60 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, and no objections being presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $500.00 per acre for the land advertised and authorize conveyance to Mr. Brown. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from Guy Thompson with offer of $7.50 an acre for Dixie County land, the Trustees authorized the land advertised for competitive bids and the following notice was published in the Cross City Advocate on October 16, 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida October 11, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. November 18th, 1947, for the land in DIXIE COUNTY, described as follows:

NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 17, Township 12 South, Range 13 East, containing 40 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, the bid of $7.50 an acre from Mr. Thompson was reported. Mr. Chris Anderson of Old Town bid $7.75 an acre. No further bids were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the bid of Mr. Anderson be accepted and deed executed conveying the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on offer of $15.00 an acre from R. H. Gibson, presented to the Trustees on September 6, 1947, for purchase of Clay County land, the Trustees ordered the parcel advertised for competitive bids and the following notice was published in The Crescent, Green Cove Springs, Florida, on October 16, 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida, October 11th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. November 18th, 1947, for the land in CLAY COUNTY, described as follows:

SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 25 East, containing 40 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, the only offer received was $15.00 an acre from Mr. Gibson. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer and authorize deed executed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees August 5, 1947, on application from B. C. Lewis, with offer of $10.10 per acre for Nassau County land, the following notice was published in the Fernandina Leader on October 17, 24, 31; November 7 and 14, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida October 9th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. November 18th, 1947, for the land in NASSAU COUNTY, described as follows:

SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 25 East, containing 40.06 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, the only offer received was from Mr. Lewis, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept $10.10 an acre for the land advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Harry H. Wells of Tallahassee, Florida, with offer of $6.00 an acre for all land owned by the State in Townships 2 and 3 South, Ranges 15 and 16 East, containing 2,777.33 acres in Bay County, Florida.

Upon examination of appraisals on the land, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Wells and make counter proposal to advertise for competitive bids all land owned by the State involved in the application, where the appraisal was not in excess of $6.00 an acre, provided applicant will agree to bid not less than $10.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from R. J. Patterson, on behalf of Santa Rosa Island Authority, applying for a three hundred (300) foot right of way, one hundred fifty (150) feet each side of the center line of proposed bridge across Santa Rosa Sound extending from the mainland on Santa Rosa Peninsula to Pensacola Beach on Santa Rosa Island, located in Escambia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize right of way as requested conditioned that the property be used for right of way purposes only and that no leases or permits be given or sold for other purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $321.20 was presented by Tom W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of J. O. Pearce, Sr., for assignment of Mortgage #16728 covering the following described land sold by the Trustees January 1, 1919 to C. R. Cline:

> E 1/2 of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Containing 320 acres in Glades County, Florida.

Mr. Wells reported that the offer was the full amount of the principal, without interest, and that Mr. Conely was requesting that the Trustees give his client credit for taxes paid over a period of years.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to assign the mortgage upon payment of full amount of principal plus interest to date but that credit for taxes would not be allowed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells related conditions in connection with Mortgages #16678 and #16688 involving Glades County land sold by the Trustees in October 1918 to M. B. Knight and A. J. Knight, payment for which was never completed. Recently offer of $9,963.20 was received from Sidney Lowe for assignment of said mortgages, which amount represents the principal of the mortgages plus interest. The transaction provides for foreclosure of the mortgages by Mr. Lowe at no cost to the Trustees, and upon title to the property being re-vested in the State, the land will be sold to Mr. Lowe under contract. Cash payment of $2,490.80 has been received on the purchase.

Mr. Conely informed the Trustees that his clients, J. O. Pearce and Elbert Scarborough, hold tax deeds on the prop-

erty, have improved it considerably and feel that they have some claim to the land by virtue of tax deeds and improvements as well as taxes paid since issuance of tax deed. They were informed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court that they would have opportunity to bid in the land when the mortgages were foreclosed. Mr. Conely offers full amount of principal of the two mortgages plus interest to date for assignments of the two mortgages. He requests that in the event the Trustees have delivered assignment of the mortgages that offer be made to Mr. Lowe to refund amount paid upon delivery to the Trustees of the assignment.

Mr. Conely was told that the Trustees have delivered the assignment of mortgages, have received the payment of $2490.80 and have agreed to sell the land under contract upon completion of foreclosure proceedings without cost to the Trustees.

No action taken on the proposal by Mr. Conely.

Application was presented from J. A. Ball, Jr. for exchange with the Trustees of the following described property in Palm Beach County:

Land owned by Mr. Ball—

Lots 17 and 24, Section 13; Lots 1, 8, 9 and 16, Section 24; Township 43 South, Range 36 East Containing 118.62 acres.

for

Land owned by the State—

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Section 23, 67.37 acres; Lots 11 and 12, Section 36, 35.82 acres; Township 43 South, Range 36 East; Fractional Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Containing 236.25 acres.

For the excess acreage of State land, Mr. Ball offers $150.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to the exchange as requested by Mr. Ball and accept the price offered for excess acreage owned by the State. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Judge Richard H. Hunt, on behalf of Harvey W. Seeds Post No. 29, The American Legion, for additional material for filling property granted

by the Trustees. It was explained that there was not sufficient material in the area heretofore allotted for filling the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request of the American Legion Post for additional material and ask that the description be furnished of parcel of Dade County land from which fill will be removed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. J. E. Fitz-Patrick, on behalf of Coastal Petroleum Company, presented written application for assignment by it to Sun Oil Company of a portion of oil lease No. 224-A, as modified, dated December 27, 1944, between Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Flor--ida, as lessors, and Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., now Coastal Petroleum Company, as lessee, afterwards modified by that certain agreement dated February 27, 1947, by and between Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and Coastal Petroleum Company, designated drilling lease No. 224-A, as modified. It was explained that agreement had been reached between Coastal Petroleum Company and Sun Oil Company whereby upon completion of drilling operations by Coastal Petroleum Company in Drilling Block No. 3 of said oil lease, Sun Oil Company would purchase an assignment of a portion of the lands described in said Drilling Block No. 3, as follows:

Section		Twp.	Rge.	No. Acres
22	SE 1/4	15S	13E	160
24	All	"	"	640
26	All	"	"	640
35	All	"	"	640
33	S 1/2	"	"	320
3	All	15S	12E	640
14	All	"	"	640
27	All	"	"	640

subject, however, to a one-sixteenth overriding royalty; that the drilling operations have been satisfactorily completed and Coastal Petroleum Company now desires to carry out its part of the agreement with Sun Oil Company by securing consent and approval from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for assignment of a portion of the land described in Drilling Block No. 3 of said oil lease, covering the land above described containing a total acreage of 4,320 acres, more or less.

Mr. Julius Parker, special attorney for the Trustees, reported that he had gone over the application and the reason for the proposed assignment and that it was in order, should the Trustees desire to approve said assignment. He called attention to the fact that when assignment is made, responsibility for carrying out the terms and conditions of the lease will be shifted to assignee.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees approve assignment of a portion of Lease 224-A, as modified, covering the lands above described, as requested by Coastal Petroleum Company, to Sun Oil Company. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted.

C. H. Overman, Director of Florida Improvement Commission, was present and requested that the Trustees convey to the Improvement Commission title to the following described land for airport purposes:

> SW 1/4 of SW 1/4; NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, less NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4; SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, less NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, all lying and being in Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Containing 100 acres in Palm Beach County.

It was explained that this tract had been used by the Federal Government during the war as an airport and since that time by private planes in connection with crop dusting operations but there was no particular agency in charge of the field; that if conveyance is made to the Improvement Commission the airport will be under its supervision and management.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees do not convey title to the Improvement Commission but that ten-year lease be authorized, without consideration, so long as the tract is used for airport purposes, and with the understanding that all taxes against the land be paid by lessee. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted that the Trustees ratify an agreement between the State Road Department and the City of Melbourne, allowing use as a city park way for recreational purposes the small area on the right of way granted by easement from the Trustees. Said area is now occupied by the State Road Department and is described as being in Section 2, Township 28 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the agreement between the State Road Department and the City of Melbourne as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way deed through the following described land:

> Submerged land in Section 31, Township 32 South, Range 40 East, Containing 13.11 acres in Indian River County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel described for use in connection with State Road #502, subject to perpetual easement and all rights heretofore granted by the Trustees to the United States of America. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action taken November 4, 1947, the Trustees had for consideration the proposal for establishment of a State park in Levy County, including Manatee Springs and the surrounding land aggregating 1,137.41 acres owned by Paterson-McInnis Lumber Company.

Mr. D. P. McKenzie, representative from Levy County, and Mr. L. G. Scoggin, State Park Director, were present and explained that the Lumber Company has fixed a price of $26,976.00 on the property. Mr. McKenzie has offered to donate to the State to become a part of the park, 240 acres adjoining the Paterson-McInnis land, partly to the North and partly to the South of the Springs.

The Trustees were requested to finance the purchase of the land, which amount the Board of Forestry and Parks would refund from the conditional appropriation for said department. Attention was called to the fact that conditional appropriations will not be available until unconditional appropriations amounting to $8,292,060.00 have been met.

Mr. McKenzie also obligated himself to try and get a measure through the next session of the legislature making appropriation to purchase the land for the park.

Several suggestions were made as to method of financing the purchase, resulting in the tentative plan that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would ad-

vance $10,000.00 as down payment on the 1137.41 acres, including timber estimated at $11,280.00, conditioned upon the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks making available from its reserve fund $7,000.00 this year and $7,000.00 next year; also conditioned upon Mr. McKenzie conveying to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund title to the 240 acres of land he owns, and upon agreement from Levy County that the County Commissioners will make the road from Hardeetown to the Springs a County road and finish it down to the Springs. The suggestion was agreed to by all members present, and Mr. McKenzie was requested to take the matter up with his County for action; Mr. Scoggin was asked to take up with his board the matter of allocating the amount suggested as payment on the land, and all parties report back to the Trustees at the meeting on the 16th of December.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees on November 4, 1947, referring to Mr. Frank J. Heintz, Assistant Attorney General, the question of settlement with S. J. Stubbs for the inability of the Trustees to deliver some of the timber sold to Mr. Stubbs, by reason of the Final Decree of September 20, 1947 in the case of Wilson Cypress Company vs. the Trustees of the I. I. Fund, Mr. Heintz reported that he and Mr. Stubbs, in conference with Mr. Elliot, had gone over the matter and had arrived at what they believed to be was a fair and equitable adjustment to make with Mr. Stubbs; that the amount tentatively agreed upon was $8,635.45.

Mr. Heintz reviewed the case as presented to the Trustees on November 4 (Governor Caldwell not being present on that date when this matter came before the Board), stating that the decision by Judge Hocker held that Wilson Cypress Company owns the disputed land lying between Section 40 and the St. Johns River (Fitch grant) in Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Volusia County, as claimed by Wilson Cypress Company in its Bill of Complaint, as well as the small disputed area in Township 16 South, Range 29 East, Volusia County, but upheld the contention of the State that Wilson Cypress Company had no rights in the so-called "Preferential lands".

The following letter from S. J. Stubbs was presented, together with computations of the value of the timber on those lands in the Fitch grant awarded to Wilson Cypress Company by the above mentioned Decree, which computations had been prepared and agreed upon by Mr. Stubbs, Mr. Heintz and Mr. Elliot:

November 11, 1947

Mr. Nathan Mayo, Comm. Agri.

Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Sir:

We have been notified that the State is unable to deliver to us the cypress timber located on what is known as the Fitch Grant covered under our lease on lands in Volusia County.

On receipt of this notice, the writer went to Tallahassee and conferred with Mr. Frank Heintz and Mr. Fred Elliot. The result of our conference is shown by the computations attached hereto, based on our average price under our contract against the estimated footage you are unable to deliver, these figures were worked up by the three of us and can be verified by them.

I have spent a tremendous amount of money equipping myself to do one of the toughest logging jobs in Florida and it has all got to be charged off to this timber. I feel that since I will lose this timber, I will lose whatever I might make on it plus the extra depreciation I will have to charge to the amount I actually get. If you remember I paid the State $65,000.00 more than any other offer they had. I will leave this matter to the fairness of the Commission. If they feel like giving me an additional credit it will be very much appreciated.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,

(S) S. J. Stubbs

COMPUTATIONS OF TIMBER ON LANDS AWARDED TO WILSON CYPRESS COMPANY IN SUIT OF WILSON CYPRESS COMPANY VS. TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA WHICH HAD BEEN SOLD TO S. J. STUBBS, DELAND, FLORIDA, AND THE VALUE OF THE SAME.

In Township 17 South, Range 29 East:

Section 11		130,000 ft.
Section 10		170,000 ft.
Section 9		106,000 ft.
Section 3	$\frac{41.23}{578.51}$ x 624,500 ft.	44,508 ft.
Section 4	$\frac{147.70}{598.34}$ x 684,200 ft.	168,895 ft.
Section 5	$\frac{32}{361.64}$ x 28,500 ft.	2,522 ft.
		621,925 ft.

of cypress timber on land lost to Wilson Cypress Company.

SALE PRICE $100,000.00
For 7,202,000 ft. figures $13.88½ per M. ft.
deduct from lease price
621,925 ft. @ $13.88 per M. $8,635.45

Mr. Heintz and Mr. Elliot were of the opinion that a fair adjustment would be a credit of $8,635.45 to S. J. Stubbs on his contract with the Trustees for timber on the Fitch grant, in full settlement of the inability of the Trustees of the I. I. Fund to deliver that timber by reason of the above mentioned Decree, and recommended that such adjustment be made, Mr. Stubbs having agreed to accept settlement on that basis in event the Trustees should not be willing to allow him a larger amount. Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize settlement with S. J. Stubbs by allowing him a credit of $8,635.45, as recommended by Mr. Heintz and Mr. Elliot. On vote, the motion was adopted.

On the recommendation of the Attorney General made at the meeting on November 4 and renewed today, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Attorney General be authorized to settle the equity suit of Wilson Cypress Company vs. Trustees of the I. I. Fund on the basis of Judge Hocker's Decree of September 20, 1947. Upon vote, the motion was adopted.

On the renewed recommendation of the Attorney General, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Attorney General be authorized to dismiss the law case of the Trustees of the I. I. Fund vs. Wilson Cypress Company pending in Putnam County if in the

opinion of the Attorney General the Trustees would be unable to prove that Wilson Cypress Company committed the trespass alleged in that suit on the lands included in the law case other than those lands involved in the equity suit. Upon vote, the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve expenditures of not exceeding $8,000.00 for partitions, cabinets and equipment in the offices of the new South wing of the Capitol to be occupied by the Secretary of the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Martin County that the Trustees approve right of way through land heretofore sold to Walter O. Johns under contract, title to said land having vested in the Trustees under Chapter 14572 of 1929. Right of way will include

> The South 50 feet of Sections 13 and 14, Township 38 South, Range 39 East, Martin County.

Information was furnished that Mr. Johns has indicated his consent to granting of right of way to the County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees convey right of way to the State Road Department with authority to grant to Martin County the right to use said road right of way for couny road purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and necessary and regular expenses be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 475.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Taxes & Records	225.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	260.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	350.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney	400.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	180.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Salesman	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Land Appraiser Accumulated Vacation	225.00

Hon. C. M. Gay, Comptroller Tallahassee, Florida	12.41
Cyril Baldwin, Land Appraiser Expenses for month of October 1947	117.00
The Tallahassee Daily Democrat Tallahassee, Florida	19.55
The Times Publishing Company St. Petersburg, Fla. Mortgage foreclosure costs	117.00
E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. Dade County Miami, Florida Mortgage foreclosure fee	7.50
Ross C. Sawyer, C. C. C. Monroe County Key West, Florida Foreclosure costs	12.50
Floyd Ellis, Sheriff, Lee County Ft. Myers, Florida Foreclosure costs	5.20
Bill Maddox, Sheriff, Hendry County LaBelle, Florida Foreclosure costs	10.85
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense Account	37.58
D. S. Weeks, C. C. C. Glades County Moore Haven, Fla. Recording fee	2.00
Capital Office Equipment Co. Tallahassee, Florida	40.45
Kary Office Appliance Co. Tallahassee, Florida	24.75
Marchant Calculating Machine Co. Oakland, California	135.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster Tallahassee, Florida	15.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Terasurer Tallahassee, Florida To Principal State School Fund under Sections 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941	10,545.67
TOTAL	$14,047.46

Financial Statements for the month of October are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of October 1, 1947		$1,129,403.89
Receipts for the Month		
Land Sales	$44,506.33	
Less returned check Frances D. Rutledge on 63-543, Ctf. 18635	333.29	
Net	44,173.04	
Quit Claim Deed	5.00	
Sale of Minutes	3.00	
Interest on Contracts	82.73	
Fishing Campsite Leases	170.00	
Oil & Gas Leases	1,189.15	
Grazing Leases	351.81	
Timber Leases	10,407.90	
Sand & Gravel Leases	795.64	
Mineral Leases	125.00	
Miscellaneous Leases	18.86	
Total Receipts	57,322.13	57,322.13
TOTAL		1,186,726.02
Less Disbursements for month of October 1947		22,462.68
BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1947		1,164,263.34

DISBURSEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1947

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
10-9-47	64384	H & W B Drew Company	$ 4.77
	64385	Parker, Foster & Wigginton	28.24
	64386	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
	64387	Cyril Baldwin	163.50
	64388	Frank J. Heintz	49.12
10-11-47	65941	Ted Cabot, C. C. C.	12,577.33
	65942	State Treas. Transfer to Prin. State School Fund	4,163.81
10-15-47	69381	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	8.08
10-31-47	60645	F. C. Elliot	347.65
	60646	M. O. Barco	163.15
	60647	Jentye Dedge	225.70
	60648	J. B. Lee	19.00
	60649	W. B. Granger	47.50
	60650	Cyril Baldwin	190.95
	60651	A. C. Bridges	278.90
	60652	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	60653	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	60654	T. T. Turnbull	334.80

60655	Bonnie G. Shelfer	147.80
60656	Sinclair Wells	47.50
72734	State Treas., Transfer to G. R.	2,472.83
	5% Retirement Fund	78.75
	Withholding Tax	432.10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1947		$22,462.68

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of October 1, 1947	$ 275.00
Receipts for the Month	1,580.00
Disbursements for the Month	-0-
BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1947	$1,855.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of October 1, 1947	$100,188.60
Receipts for the Month	20,799.42
TOTAL	120,988.02
Less Disbursements for the Month	56,550.17
BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1947	$ 64,437.85

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
10-4-47	60216	State Treasurer—Transfer to General Revenue	30,000.00
10-9-47	63303	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	139.52
	63304	Southeastern Telephone Co.	6.25
	63305	Geo. D. Barnard Company	39.90
	63306	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	136.50
10-17-47	71017	R. W. Baughman	50.00
	71018	City of Tarpon Springs	5.00
10-31-47	58102	Ernest Hewitt	292.60
	58103	J. R. Roberts	198.85
	58104	M. O. Barco	23.75
	58105	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	58106	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	58107	Elizabeth M. Goode	155.90
	58108	Vivian A. Dedicos	152.40
	58109	Mary Clare Pichard	152.35
	80683	State Treasurer—Transfer to General Revenue	25,000.00

5% Retirement Fund	33.25
Withholding Tax	88.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1947	$56,550.17

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that said bids were regular in all respects and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	11/12/47	4
Bay	11/12/47	3
Calhoun	10/27/47	2
Citrus	8/25/47	1
Dade	10/22/47	150
Escambia	11/8/47	4
Hardee	3/3/47	1
Hillsborough	11/4/47	19
Marion	11/3/47	4
Manatee	11/31/47	10
Orange	1/3/47	29
Pasco	11/3/47	1
Palm Beach	10/31/47	37
Palm Beach	10/31/47	4
Palm Beach	11/14/47	5
Putnam	11/1/47	4
Polk	9/30/47	18
Sarasota	11/10/47	17
St. Johns	10/10/47	6
St. Lucie	11/3/47	22
Suwannee	11/3/47	3
Volusia	11/3/47	24

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $90.00 was presented from Palm Beach County for purchase of the following described land:

Lots 1 and 5, Block 12 North Lake Worth; Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 18, North Lake Worth; Lots 872 and 873—College Park Addition.

Information was given that the offer is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance to the County of Palm Beach under provisions of Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Jules Pearlman, on behalf of himself, Joseph Socolof and Constance Z. Pearlman, for release of oil and mineral reservations in Dade County Deeds #3310 and 3622, for the reason that the owners desire to erect homes on the lots and are unable to secure loans with the reservations in effect.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize release of the reservations in the two deeds upon payment of $10.00 for each deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $29.00 was submitted from the City of Carrabelle for conveyance of the following described property in Franklin County, formerly owned by said City:

> Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20, Block 6; Lots 1 to 20 incl., Block 17, Kelly's Plat of Carrabelle, Florida.

Prior to application from the City, Sam Stephens had applied to purchase the lots, advertisement was published, sale was held and Mr. Stephens was the high bidder at $200.00.

Following the Trustees policy, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to decline bid of Mr. Stephens and make conveyance to the City of Carrabelle upon receipt of check from the City in amount of $210.00 plus $1.00 for lot on which M. Stephens did not make bid; deed to be issued under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees October 7, 1947, on application from Humble Oil & Refining Company for oil lease covering Taylor County land, reserved interest in which was held by the Trustees, the following notice was published in the Daily Democrat, Tallahassee, Florida, and in the Taylor County News, Perry, Florida on October 16, 23, 30; November 6 and 13, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida October 7, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and will receive competitive sealed bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building on or before November 18, 1947, at 11 o'clock A. M., for an oil and gas lease covering the following described lands in Taylor County, Florida, to-wit:

Township 4 South, Range 7 East

Section 31: N/2 of SE/4 and SE/4 of SE/4, less 3 acres in the SW corner, a tract 1 acre wide East and West, 3 acres long North and South;

Section 32: N/2 of SW/4 and SW/4 of SW/4;

containing 237 acres, more or less.

Said Trustees have determined that the lease shall require royalty payments of 1/8 in kind or in value and the amount of $1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor.

All bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for the amount of such cash consideration. Copies of the lease to be offered for sale are available to the general public at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building at Tallahassee, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Chapter 22824, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945.
Said Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, this 7th day of October, 1947.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary
Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Sealed bid was presented to the Trustees in compliance with the law, accompanied by check in amount of $124.43, said bid being at the rate of $1.05 per acre annually as rental plus one-eighth (1/8) royalty for the State's interest in the oil and mineral rights reserved in Taylor County Deed #209 executed to B. L. Kuhn.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept bid from Humble Oil & Refining Company for lease covering the reserved interest in the lands described in the notice. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications from several Clerks of the Circuit Courts for cancellation of certain tax certificates certified to the State under Chapter 18296, having been referred to and approved by the Attorney General's office for disclaiming title therein, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates as approved by the Attorney General in the following counties and recommend to the Comptroller the cancellation thereof:

Brevard, Gulf, Hillsborough, Marion, Monroe, Pinellas, Orange and Sarasota.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from City of Plant City for conveyance of one lot that was omitted from Hillsborough County Deed #4653 executed in favor of the City. The lot was included in the application and sale, and through error was not included in the deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of Hillsborough County Deed #4653-COR. in favor of City of Plant City, conveying Lot 59, Margaline Gardens—Plat Book 12, Page 95. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The State Road Department having recommended release of right of way reservation in a number of deeds conveying Murphy Act land, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following deeds be executed:

Charlotte County Q. C. Deed No. 163-COR to V. H. Osborn.

Charlotte County Q. C. Deed No. 179 to V. H. Osborn

Duval County Q. C. Deed No. 1466 to R. T. Tuten

Duval County Q. C. Deed No. 1081 to Biltmore, Inc.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 08-Chapter 21684 to John Bell

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 08-Chapter 21684 to Earl Sommers & Ferne H. Sommers, his wife

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 08-Chapter 21684 to Dolores Land Corporation

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 104 to Glendale Land Corporation

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 522 to Dolores Land Corporation

Hillsboruogh County Q. C. Deed No. 853 to Dolores Land Corp.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 2918 to Dolores Land Corp.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 2949 to Dolores Land Corp.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 3092 to Dolores Land Corp.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 3788 to Charles E. Lufkin and Ruby G. Lufkin

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 3922 to Dolores Land Corp.

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 4308 to Municipal Bond & Mortgage Corporation

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 4514 to Elsie M. Norman

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 4590 to R. J. Franklin

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 4651 to Francis Hilsman

Lee County Quitclaim Deed No. 546 to V. H. Osborn

Lee County Quitclaim Deed No. 552 to V. H. Osborn

Palm Beach County Q. C. Deed No. 998 to Thomas A. Schroeder

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 2318 to Wm. J. Cermak
Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 2468 to Wm. J. Cermak
Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 2605 to D. B. Fisher

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries and necessary and regular expenses and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 315.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	225.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Clerk & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk-Bookkeeper	190.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	165.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Stenographer	175.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	16.45
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.99
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	39.75
	$1,235.19

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer to General Revenue from receipts under the Murphy Act:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue $15,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
November 25, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of a portion of the following lots to be used in connection with State Road #66:

Government Lot 11, Section 15; Government Lot 7, Section 14; Government Lot 5 and SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 11, All in Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcels desired by the State Road Department for road purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from M. A. DesRocher for sand lease in Biscayne Bay, West of Fisher's Island, Dade County. Application calls for removal of one hundred thousand (100,000) cubic yards of material for which he offers ten cents (10c) per cubic yard.

Upon recommendation of the Land Clerk, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. DesRocher and authorize sand lease, subject however, to approval from the County Commissioners of Dade County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from L. H. Kendall, Local Advisor for Allentown, Florida, Future Farmers for lease on the following described land in Santa Rosa County, Florida:

S 1/2 of SE 1/4, Less N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, and also less N 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 26 West, Containing 30.95 acres; and
SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 28 West, containing 40.12 acres.

It was represented that the Future Farmers desire to plant seedling pines and maintain them in a forest for educational and practical experience.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of Future Farmers of Santa Rosa County for the purpose outlined. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Edward Higgins, on behalf of Seminole Chamber of Commerce, requesting an additional area on which to deposit spoil material in connection with the St. Johns River-Lake Harney improvement program, Palatka to Sanford section, said parcel having inadvertently been omitted when recent application was considered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize spoil easement covering

Government Lot 10, Section 5, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, Volusia County, Florida,

to be used in connection with St. Johns River improvement. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Robert C. Lane, on behalf of Miami Quarterdeck Club, that the Trustees reconsider action recently taken fixing rental on their fishing camp lease #143-A at $1000.00 annually, former leases having carried annual rental of $50.00.

Mr. Lane explained that there had been no improvements on the property such as had been represented to the Trustees, other than the necessary repairs and asked that the rent be reduced to $50.00 annually as heretofore.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees rescind action taken September 16, 1947, and that rental of $100.00 annually be agreed upon for ten-year lease on fishing camp site in Biscayne Bay known as Shoal #4—2 acres in Section 17, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from John Tiedtke that the Trustees reconsider recent action on his application and accept $50.00 an acre for the following described land:

> That part of Section 30, Township 42 South, Range 34 East, lying east of the meander line and west of the Everglades Drainage District levee and the United States levee, and
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> That part of Section 31, Township 42 South, Range 34 East, lying east of the meander line and west of Everglades Drainage District levee; also that part of Section 32, Township 42 South, Range 34 East, lying West of Everglades Drainage District levee, All in Glades County, Florida.

The Trustees having fixed a price of $80.00 an acre on this land, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the request from Mr. Tiedtke be denied. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that Harry H. Wells had amended his offer for purchase of State land in Bay County, offering $10.00, $12.50 and $15.00 an acre for various tracts.

Upon examination of appraisals on the different parcels, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that certain of the offers from Mr. Wells be declined and counter proposal made to advertise the tracts for competitive bids based on the following prices:

		Tp. S.	Rg. W.	Acres	Per Acre
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section	12	2	15	40.08	$10.00
Lots 2 and 3 "	6	3	15	22.24	10.00
Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 "	7	3	15	128.23	10.00
Lots 2, 3, 4, 5; N 1/2 of SW 1/4; W 1/2 of SE 1/4; SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 "	8	3	15	319.58	10.00
Lots 1 and 2 "	9	3	15	27.30	10.00
Lots 2, 3, 6, 7, 8; E 1/2 of NW 1/4; SW 1/4; SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 "	17	3	15	424.46	12.50
Lots 4 and 5 "	18	3	15	11.77	20.00
Lots 4 and 5 "	19	3	15	64.10	20.00

Lots 2 and 3; NE 1/4; S 1/2 of NW 1/4; E 1/2 of SE 1/4	"	20	3	15	368.55	12.50
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4; SW 1/4 of NW 1/4; & S 1/2	"	21	3	15	521.97	12.50
Lot 1; NW 1/4 of NE 1/4; N 1/2 of NW 1/4	"	28	3	15	159.65	12.50
Lots 3, 4, 6; NE 1/4 of NE 1/4; SW 1/4 of SE 1/4	"	29	3	15	158.95	12.50
N 1/2; NW 1/4 of SE 1/4	"	24	3	16	359.73	10.00
SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	"	25	3	16	39.93	10.00

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Adjutant General Mark Lance requesting appointment for him and the DuPont interests to meet with the Trustees for discussing mineral lease on Camp Blanding area, suggesting December 9, 1947.

It being ascertained that a quorum of the Trustees will not be present until December 16, Mr. Elliot was requested to so advise General Lance; also it was suggested that in the meantime information be secured on the subject in order that the Secretary will have report and recommendations ready for the meeting.

Mr. Mayo called attention to the cost of having records in his office micro-filmed.

Upon discussion of the costs that will have to be incurred by other departments of the State government, Governor Caldwell suggested that it might be advisable for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to purchase the equipment for doing this work, employ an operator for the machine and bill each department for work done.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that Mr. Elliot be requested to make investigation of the machines necessary to do the work, the cost for the necessary equipment and what it would cost to employ a good operator, and that he report back to the Trustees as soon as possible. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids are regular in all respects and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Franklin	8/4/47	4
Franklin	9/8/47	1
Hendry	10/16/47	3
Indian River	11/17/47	3
Pinellas	10/21/47	92
Santa Rosa	3/3/47	1
Sarasota	11/10/47	2
Sumter	11/3/47	5

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the report and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding to bids, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary reported that the following transfer was being made to General Revenue from receipts under the Murphy Act:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue Fund.....$15,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
December 16, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees dated November 4, 18 and 25, 1947, were presented for approval, copies of each having been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the minutes as presented be approved by the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Doyle E. Carlton and Mr. Joe Gill of Sarasota, Florida, representing the Ringling Estate, came before the Trustees with request for expression as to what charge would be made for removal of fill material from submerged areas in Sarasota County held by the State. It was explained that the immediate application would be for permission to take fill material from the bay and depositing the same on land heretofore sold to the Ringling Estate, and later applicant would want to fill in another parcel adjacent to its upland. In the second project Mr. Gill desired to know whether or not his client would be required to purchase the bottoms on which the fill would be placed and in addition pay for the fill material; also, according to schedule of charges for fill material, ranging from five cents (5c) down to two cents (2c) per cubic yard, he asked that his client be allowed to consider the two projects as one in making payment for the fill in order to take advantage of the lower rate.

Upon discussion of the request, the Trustees indicated that it would be agreeable to allow the Ringling Estate to remove fill material for the two proposed improvements at the schedule of rates charged with the understanding that all material removed and paid for from this date to and including December 31, 1948, would be considered as one schedule, and that the purchase of any bottom lands, adjoining upland property would carry with it the right to take sufficient material for filling said area without cost. It was so ordered.

Adjutant General Mark W. Lance of the State Armory Board, and Mr. M. H. Miller, Counsel of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, presented to the Trustees a proposed lease to be entered into between the Armory Board of the State of Florida and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, of the one part, and E. I. du Pont de

Nemours & Company, of the other part, authorizing prospecting for ilmenite and other minerals under sovereignty land owned by the State of Florida for use by the Armory Board. It was explained that the lease provided for a primary term of ten (10) years with provision for renewals for a maximum period of thirty-five (35) years, conditioned upon construction and operation of a concentration plant in the State by the expiration of the primary period and the expending of at least $25,000.00 during said primary period and a like amount during any renewal or extension period. The area covered by the lease was described as being a portion of Camp Blanding area:

> Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17 and 18, Township 7 South, Range 28 East, containing 3840 acres, more or less, in Clay County, Florida.

Mr. Julius Parker, Attorney for the Trustees, informed the board that in view of the uncertainty of the law governing the Armory Board and its authority for executing a lease of this kind, and the plans of the company to expend around a million dollars on the property, the Trustees were being asked to join in the lease; that the Trustees have authority from a legal standpoint to execute such lease if they so desire.

Adjutant General Lance told the board that the lease will be the means of opening up considerable mining activities on a portion of Camp Blanding area which is now a part of the range on the west side of the reservation; that aside from royalty it will help maintain the buildings at Camp Blanding and all rights of the military department will be protected; that the duPont interests feel that there is lack of explicit authority on the part of the Armory Board to execute the lease and for that reason they desire execution by the Trustees as title to the land is in the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to execute the lease jointly with the Armory Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees having fixed this date for disposition of request from Levy County for acquisition of Manatee Springs together with additional land along the Suwannee River to become a State park, Mr. D. P. McKenzie, Representative from Levy County, submitted resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of his county in which it was agreed that the County would "build and maintain a passable road from Hardeetown in to Manatee Springs for use of those visiting this park".

This subject was considered November 4 and 18, 1947, and suggestions were made as to method of financing purchase of the land from Paterson-McInnis Lumber Company, the construction and maintenance of a suitable road to the springs and the conveyance by Mr. McKenzie of certain other lands within the proposed park area. The Florida Park Service having approved the establishment of the property into a State Park and the County having agreed to construct the road, the only question to be decided was whether or not the property should be purchased by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and held for the Park Service until such time as repayment was effected, or whether funds allocated for Florida Board of Forestry and Parks could be made available. Governor Caldwell asked Mr. Elliot which procedure would be preferable, to which Mr. Elliot replied that it would be simpler to have the Park Board take title because of the fact that where Federal funds are available it is necessary for the Park Board to have title to the land.

The land to be purchased from Paterson-McInnis Lumber Company was described as follows:

> Section13—111.60 acres; Section 23—80.00 acres; Section 24—300.00 acres; Section 25—360.00 acres; Section 26—203.00 acres; Section 35—82.80 acres; Containing 1,137.41 acres in Levy County,

and the land to be conveyed by Mr. McKenzie without cost was described as follows:

> Government Lot 3 and the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 35; Government Lots 2, 3 and 4 of Section 26, Containing in all 240.50 acres in Township 11 South, Range 13 East, Levy County.

It was explained that the cost of the property owned by Paterson-McInnis Lumber Company was $26,967.00 and it was estimated that pine, hardwood and cypress timber on the land was worth $11,280.00.

Governor Caldwell suggested that he would be willing to approve purchase of the land from funds of the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks to become a State park provided the County Commissioners of Levy County would adopt a resolution agreeing to build and maintain a road from Hardeetown to Manatee Springs satisfactory to the Florida Park Service, so long as required for park purposes, and upon conveyance by Mr. McKenzie, without cost to the State, of the land heretofore described.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the suggestion of the Governor be approved as the action of the Trustees, and that the Budget Commission be requested to release sufficient funds to purchase the land and Springs from Paterson-McInnis Lumber Company. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees on November 4, 1947, authorized advertisement of Gilchrist County land applied for by M. D. Tallman with offer of $25.00 an acre, and the following notice was published in the Trenton Journal on November 13, 20, 27, December 4 and 11, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida November 7th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 16th, 1947, for the land in GILCHRIST COUNTY, described as follows:

S 1/2 of Lot 2, Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, containing 40 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for bids and the only offer received was $25.00 an acre from Mr. Tallman.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Tallman for the land described in the notice. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Action was taken by the Trustees November 4, 1947, agreeing to advertise for bids certain land in Nassau County applied for by A. G. McArthur with offer of $7.00 an acre. Pursuant to such action the following notice was published in the Fernandina Leader on November 14, 21, 28, December 5 and 12, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida November 6th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 16th, 1947, for the land in NASSAU COUNTY, described as follows:

Lot 4 of the W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 25 East, containing 70 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, the only offer was $7.00 an acre from Mr. McArthur.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. McArthur at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees agreed on November 4, 1947, to advertise Orange County land for sale, based on application from L. B. McLeod Construction Company with offer of $300.00 an acre, and the following notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on November 14, 21, 28, December 5 and 12, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida November 7th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objetcions only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 16th, 1947, for the land in ORANGE COUNTY, described as follows:

Lot 1, Block "A", Lake Conway Park, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "G", Page 138, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, Tract 1, Begin at the NE Cor. of Lot 1, Block "A", Lake Conway Park as recorded in Plat Book "G", Page 138, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, run S. 86° 21' W. 183.7 ft. along original shore line of Lake Conway to the present water line; thence N. 60° 50' E. 50.3 ft; thence N. 81° 59' E. 129.8 ft. along present water line to the E. line of Lot 1, extended, thence S. 14° 30' E. 32 ft. to point of beginning, containing 0.095 acres in Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

Tract 2, Begin 56.9 ft. S. 14° 30' E. from SE Corner, Lot 1, Block "A", Lake Conway Park as recorded in Plat Book "G", Page 138, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, on the S. W. side of Platted Road, run along Road and original lake line N. 75° 57' W. 34 ft; thence N. 60° 27' W. 118.5 ft; thence N. 34° 06' W. 186.1 ft. to present waters of Lake Conway; thence along present water line S. 15° 42' W. 45.7 ft; thence S. 0° 51' E. 173.3 ft; thence S. 42° 36' E. 168.6 ft; thence S. 86° 52' E. 157.3 ft. to point where E. line of Lot 1, extended S. 14° 30' E. meets the present water line; thence N. 14° 30' W. 123.1 ft. to point of beginning, containing 1.025 acres in Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for objections and none being presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of L. B. McLeod Construction Company at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application presented November 4, 1947, from City of Melbourne, Florida, with offer of $1.00 an acre for a park site, the Trustees authorized Brevard County land advertised for objections. The following notice was published in the Melbourne Times on November 14, 21, 28, December 5 and 12, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida November 10th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 16th, 1947, for the land in BREVARD COUNTY, described as follows:

Lots 1 to 16, inclusive, Block 24, Plat of Melbourne.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for objections and none being presented, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale of the lots described to the City of Melbourne, the deed to contain reversion clause in event the land should be used for other than park purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees agreed November 4, 1947, to advertise certain Columbia County land for oil and gas lease, based on application from Sun Oil Company with offer of $1.00 an acre annually increasing five per cent (5%) after the first two years, plus royalty payments. The following notice was published in the Lake City Leader and the Tallahassee Daily Democrat on November 14, 21, 28, December 5 and 12, 1947:

Tallahassee, Florida November 7th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and will receive competitive sealed bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Bldg. on or before December 16th, 1947, at 11 o'clock A. M. for an oil and gas lease covering the following described lands in Columbia County, Florida, to-wit:

All Section 35, —640 acres
All Section 36, except N 1/2 of NE 1/4—560 acres
lying and being in Township 2 North, Range 18 East.

Said Trustees have determined that the lease shall require royalty payments of 1/8 in kind or in value and the amount of $1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor. All bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for the amount of such cash consideration. Copies of the lease to be offered for sale are available to the general public at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Bldg. at Tallahassee, Florida.

Said Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, this 7th day of November, 1947.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, the only bid received was $1.05 an acre from Sun Oil Company, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize oil and gas lease in favor of Sun Oil Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from R. H. Cobb, on behalf of K. M. Magarian, for purchase of

.083 of an acre of submerged land lying in front of his upland property in Lot 70 Block "E" of Venetian Gardens, Orange County, Florida,

at a price of $300.00 an acre, or $25.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer of Mr. Magarian be accepted for the parcel applied for, subject to advertisement for objection. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $5.00 an acre was submitted from H. H. Cannon for purchase of the following described parcel:

SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 36 South, Range 21 East, Manatee County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer and make counter proposal to advertise for bids provided Mr. Cannon will agree to bid not less than $12.50 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Clyde W. Alley with offer of $750.00 an acre for sovereignty land described as adjacent to his upland property:

Abutting Lot H-12 according to Supplemental Plat of Section 8 and 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, containing 0.204 acres in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Alley for the land adjacent to his upland, subject to advertisement for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $5.00 an acre was submitted from Charles E. Pelot for purchase of two parcels of land in Nassau County described as:

Unsurveyed swamp land in Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 29 East, containing 53.72 acres; All unsurveyed marsh land in Township 1 North, Range 28 East, containing 93.28 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Pelot and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids upon definite commitment that he will offer not less than $6.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $200.00 was presented from F. G. Ziegenbusch for purchase of the following described land:

Lot 32, Block 3—Pine Island Fill Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East Lee County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the lot advertised for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Ziegenbusch, if upon investigation Mr. Wells finds that the price is fair. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Board of County Commissioners of Martin County for permission to dredge and fill mangrove swamps and low lying areas along the waters of the north fork of St. Lucie River in

Section 30 and in Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 31, Township 37 South, Range 41 East, Martin County,

and to take sand from the bottom of the river for making the fill. Resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County on December 3, 1947, was

filed with the Trustees, explaining that the work to be done was in the interest of mosquito control.

The Trustees were agreeable to authorizing the proposed work without payment to the State for the fill material, conditioned upon such material being placed on land owned by the State or by the County. Mr. Wells was authorized to grant permission to the County Commissioners under the conditions stated. It was so ordered.

Mr. Wells recommended that Lease #428 to T. Franklin West and M. W. Foley be cancelled. He explained that the lessees were in arrears in rentals and that the bonding company had been called upon for payment of delinquent amounts due as of July 25, 1947; that U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company has agreed to pay the Trustees the amount due—$350.00, upon cancellation of the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize cancellation of Lease #428 upon payment of $350.00 by the bonding company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported as information to the board that there have been complaints made to the Trustees of operations of Smith Engineering Company in removing shell from Choctawhatchee Bay—Okaloosa and Walton counties —but upon investigation information had been received from the Conservation agent in that locality that no live oysters were being dredged. Upon information being furnished that the law was not being violated and that the material was being dredged for the Road Department, the protests were withdrawn.

Request was presented from Thomas H. Anderson, on behalf of clients Greenwood and Hirsch, for release of oil and mineral reservations in quit claim deed from Trustees to Normandy Beach Properties, Inc., dated May 8, 1930, covering land in Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County. It was explained that on September 24, 1890, the Trustees executed deed #14273 in favor of Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company conveying all Fractional Section 3 of said township and range; that the land was subsequently filled and built up and in 1930 the then owners—Normany Beach Properties, Inc.— requested quit claim deed covering the filled in property,

which deed contained the statutory reservations. The present owners now ask that the reservations in the quit claim deed be released.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize release of the reservations by quit claim deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from G. C. Durrance, on behalf of Sid Lowe, that the Trustees allow him to withdraw and cancel agreement for assignment of Mortgages #16678 and #16688 involving Glades County land conveyed to M. B. and A. J. Knight in October 1918. (See Minutes of November 18, 1947, for record of the transaction.) Disposition was also asked of two checks deposited with the Trustees by T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of J. O. Pearce and Elbert Scarborough. Mr. Conely's clients claim interest in the property by virtue of tax deeds and improvements on the land.

Upon consideration of the two requests, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to release Mr. Lowe from his agreement and refund amount paid, conditioned upon Mr. Conely's clients agreeing to pay the full amount of principal represented by the two mortgages, interest thereon and attorneys fees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Earl D. Farr, on behalf of A. C. Frizzell, offering $5.00 an acre for the following described land:

> SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 40 South, Range 21 East, containing 40 acres in Charlotte County.

Mr. Wells reported that this land was under mortgage #17810 and is now being foreclosed by the Trustees. Applicant agrees to pay all costs of foreclosure in addition to offer for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that if applicant will take up the mortgage and pay all costs in connection therewith, the Trustees will accept $5.00 an acre for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Sumter L. Lowry for acquiring approximately one thousand (1000) square feet of rocky land adjacent to

Government Lot 4, Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 16 East, Citrus County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to sell the tract 50 feet by 20 feet at a price of $50.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from Florida Power and Light Company for lease of a spoil area in Biscayne Bay, designated as

A parcel 600 feet by 500 feet along the Northeastern side of the existing channel.

It was explained that the company proposes to re-route the channel in connection with power plant construction, and in so doing it will be convenient to deposit dredged material on the spoil bank described.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Florida Power and Light Company be given permission to deposit material on the spoil area in Township 55 South, Range 40 East, Dade County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented request from R. D. Lyons for exchange of certain land and release of another parcel, both involved in his purchase contract #18818; that the proposed exchange will eliminate from Mr. Lyons' contract a parcel containing approximately two (2) acres, which was conveyed to the Board of Public Instruction of Glades County by deed #17922, and in lieu thereof the Trustees will deed to Mr. Lyons an unsurveyed parcel in Section 1, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, containing 1.62 acres; also, request for release involved a parcel in Section 2, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, containing 1.55 acres in a negro subdivision.

Mr. Wells recommended that the request be granted in view of the fact that payments on Contract #18818 are more than sufficient to justify release of the parcel requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the exchange and release as outlined. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented for homestead entries by veterans on County owned land as follows:

Lake County—Webial K. Galbreath
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, containing 40 acres;

Sarasota County—Marvin Sirus
Blocks G, H, I, J, K, L, M, P and Q; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 to 16, incl., and Lots 21, 22 and 23, Block N;
Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, Block O, and
Unplatted Portion of Block O.
Replat of East Sarasota in Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, Containing 40 acres.

Mr. Elliot explained that the applications were filed under provisions of Chapter 22860 of 1945 and all requirements had been complied with and all necessary papers filed with the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the applications for homestead entry on County owned land in Lake and Sarasota counties by Webial K. Galbreath and Marvin Sirus. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that with reference to purchase of Micro-Film equipment for filming records of the various State departments he had not been able to get definite prices for equipment necessary to do the work, but was following up the investigation and would report as soon as information was available.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries, necessary and regular expense and special accounts be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 475.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Taxes & Records	225.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	260.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	350.00
Julius Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	210.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney	400.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	180.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	50.00
C. M. Gay, Comptroller, Tallahassee, Fla.	32.67

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. To Prin. State School Fund under Sec. 270—12-13-14 F. S. 1941	9,801.14
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Tallahassee To State Bd. of Conservation for Oyster Cons. Fund, under Chap 24121 of 1947	389.39
Jimmy Sullivan, Sheriff Dade County Miami, Fla. Foreclosure Fees	27.90
The Hendry County News, Labelle, Fla.	28.00
The Tallahassee Daily Democrat, Tallahasse, Fla.	8.25
News-Press Publishing Company, Ft. Myers, Fla.	96.90
The Lake County Citizen, Tavares, Fla.	26.60
Volusia County Abstract Co., DeLand, Fla.	24.00
Glades & Hendry Abstract Co., Moore Haven, Fla.	27.75
E. H. Scott, C. C. C. Charlotte County Punta Gorda, Fla. Foreclosure Fees	7.50
D. S. Weeks, C. C. C. Glades County Moore Haven, Fla. Foreclosure Fees	7.50
Jack L. Meeks, C. C. C. Levy County Bronson, Fla. Recording Fees	4.50
The H. & W. B. Drew Company Jacksonville, Fla.	6.40
Bradenton Herald Company, Bradenton, Fla.	27.29
TOTAL	$13,235.79

Financial Statements for the month of November are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of November 1, 1947 ..... $1,164,263.34

Receipts for the Month

Land Sales	$11,162.13	
Land Sales—Chap. 14717—Martin Co.	119.81	
Land Sales—Chap. 14572—Martin Co.	233.97	
Farm Lease	200.00	
Campsite Leases	115.00	
Sand & Shell Leases	796.50	
Timber Leases	577.34	
Mineral Leases	65.00	
10 Year Seaweed Lease	1,000.00	

Miscellaneous Lease	9.43	
Oil Lease	99.89	
Interest on Contracts	27.16	
Pipe Line R/W	500.00	
Total Receipts	14,906.23	14,906.23
TOTAL		1,179,169.57
Less Disbursements for the Month of November, 1947		92,306.62
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 29, 1947		1,086,862.95

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1947

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
11-3-47	83644	Cyril Baldwin	$ 117.00
11-10-47	87829	Ernest Overstreet, TC	10,985.25
	87830	R. D. Yoder, TC	307.01
	87831	R. N. Miller, TC	1,315.64
	87832	C. H. Collier, TC	2.02
	87833	Stetson O. Sproul, TC	52,352.93
	87834	W. O. Berryhill, TC	12,790.17
	87835	Frank J. Armistead, TC	42.03
11-20-47	96326	Tallahassee Daily Democrat	19.55
	96327	Times Publishing Company	117.00
	96328	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	7.50
	96329	Ross C. Sawyer, CCC	12.50
	96330	Floyd Ellis, Sheriff	5.20
	96331	Bill Maddox, Sheriff	10.85
	96332	F. C. Elliot	37.58
	96333	D. S. Weeks, CCC	2.00
	96334	Capital Office Equipment Co.	40.45
	96335	Kary Office Appliance Co.	24.75
	96336	Marchant Calculating Machine Co.	135.00
	96337	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	96338	State Treasurer—Transfer to Prin. State School Fund	10,545.67
	96339	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	14.55
11-29-47	79619	F. C. Elliot	347.65
	79620	M. O. Barco	163.15
	79621	Jentye Dedge	225.70
	79622	J. B. Lee	19.00
	79623	W. B. Granger	47.50
	79624	A. C. Bridges	278.90
	79625	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	79626	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	79627	T. T. Turnbull	334.80

79628	Bonnie G. Shelfer	147.80
79629	Sinclair Wells	47.50
79632	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
102853	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	12.41
102854	Earnest Overstreet, TC	302.51
102855	Bessie Alderman, TC	147.05
	5% Retirement Fund	67.50
	Withholding Tax	432.10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1947		$92,306.62

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of November 1, 1947	$1,855.00
Receipts for the Month	-0-
Disbursements for the Month	-0-
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 29, 1947	$1,855.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of November 1, 1947	$64,437.85
Receipts for the Month	4,429.55
TOTAL	68,867.40
Less Disbursements for the Month	16,235.19
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 29, 1947	52,632.21

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
11-20-47	95585	Southeastern Telephone Co.	$ 16.45
	95586	Western Union Telegraph Co.	5.99
	95587	H & W B Drew Company	39.75
11-29-47	82422	Ernest Hewitt	292.60
	82423	J. R. Roberts	198.85
	82424	M. O. Barco	23.75
	82425	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	82426	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	82427	Elizabeth M. Goode	155.90
	82428	Vivian A. Dedicos	152.40
	82429	Mary Clare Pichard	161.10
	102371	State Treasurer—Transfer to General Revenue	15,000.00
		5% Retirement Fund	24.50
		Withholding Tax	88.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1947			$16,235.19

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 with information that such bids are regular in all respects and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Charlotte	10/6/47	15
Citrus	6/9/47	1
Citrus	11/10/47	2
Dixie	12/1/47	1
Escambia	11/8/47	1
Flagler	12/1/47	1
Franklin	10/6/47	1
Gadsden	12/8/47	1
Hamilton	12/9/47	2
Hendry	11/17/47	1
Hernando	12/8/47	3
Hillsborough	12/2/47	62
Lake	11/15/47	13
Lake	12/8/47	7
Lee	11/18/47	15
Manatee	12/1/47	6
Marion	12/1/47	20
Martin	11/3/47	12
Martin	11/24/47	22
Orange	12/1/47	23
Osceola	12/11/47	5
Palm Beach	12/12/47	3
Pasco	12/1/47	3
Polk	10/31/47	90
Santa Rosa	11/4/47	2
Santa Rosa	12/1/47	1
Seminole	11/24/47	7
St. Johns	11/13/47	12
St. Lucie	12/1/47	14
Volusia	12/1/47	32

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Mary E. Ellerbe for deed to replace #962 that was lost prior to recording.

The Attorney General's office having approved issuance of such deed, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that upon receipt of $5.00 the Trustees issue

Duplicate Polk County Deed No. 962-A to Mary E. Ellerbe.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from J. B. Chancy for deed to be issued to him for the purpose of correcting error in original Alachua County Deed #1722.

The Attorney General's office having approved issuance of such deed, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that upon receipt of $5.00 the Trustees authorize execution of

Alachua County Deed No. 1722-COR. to J. B. Chancy.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Stern Construction Company for release of oil and mineral rights reserved in Dade County Deed No. 03-Ch. 21684 to City of Hialeah, involving seven lots now owned by said company.

Information was furnished that these are city building lots and releases have been granted in similar cases.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize release of oil and mineral reservations in Deed No. 03-Ch. 21684 as applicable to the following described lots upon payment of $1.00 per lot with a minimum of $5.00 for any deed:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4—Block 89
Lots 18, 19 and 20, Block 90
First Addition to Hialeah.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Charlotte County that the Trustees convey to the County School Board certain lots the school has been using as an athletic field since 1936.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees convey to the County of Charlotte, under

Chapter 21684, the following described property for school purposes only:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, Block 42, Punta Gorda, Florida,

consideration to be $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Hillsborough County, with offer of $5.00 for two lots that the County erroneously included in foreclosure suit under the 1941 law. Offer is in excess of the base bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees convey title in favor of Hillsborough County to

Lots 22 and 34, Block F-1—Castle Heights Addition Hillsborough County, Florida,

upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Casler & Douglas, attorneys for heirs of Theo Zeund, for allowance of protest to sale of

Lot 9, Block 3, Jungle Terrace Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County,

bid in by F. W. Weidemeyer for $70.00 at sale of October 21, 1947. Request for protest is made by former owner who is a resident of Pennsylvania, and according to statement made has paid city taxes on the lots for a number of years and was under the impression that all taxes were included. Applicant offers $77.00 as a starting bid if the Trustees will allow protest.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize allowance of protest as requested upon the required amounts being immediately deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pinellas County for readvertisement and sale of the property. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from City of Tarpon Springs for release by the Trustees of "public purposes" clause in Deed No. 010-Chap. 21684 conveying three (3) lots to the City on which to put down deep wells for city water. The drill-

ing was not successful and the City desires that the clause be removed in order that it might dispose of the lots in payment for the drilling work.

The Secretary recommended that the request be granted in view of the fact that the City had paid in excess of the base bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize release of the "public purposes" clause in Pinellas County Deed No. 010-Chap. 21684 as requested by the City of Tarpon Springs, for consideration of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from City of Lake Wales for conveyance under Chapter 20424 of 1941 of

> Lot 14, Block 37—Original Town of Lake Wales, Sections 1 and 2, Township 30 South, Range 27 East, Polk County, Florida.

Certificate was furnished by the Clerk certifying that the City was owner of the land prior to June 9, 1939.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deed under provisions of Chapter 20424 in favor of the city of Lake Wales, upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from City of Sarasota, Florida, for conveyance of

> Lots 1 and 2, Block "D"—Newton Park Subdivision Section 7, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, Florida.

Certificate was furnished by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sarasota County as to former ownership by the City, entitling it to acquire the lots under provisions of Chapter 20424 of 1941.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance as requested by City of Sarasota upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for conveyance of title to a parcel of Volusia County land described as:

That part of Lot 2 South of road in Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 33 East, Containing 4 Acres in Volusia County.

The Secretary recommended that conveyance be authorized under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, for benefit of State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of title to the lot described in favor of the State Road Department as recommended by the Secretary. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented list of certificates, cancellation of which had been requested by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the respective counties, with information that the Attorney General's office had recommended that the Trustees disclaim interest in said certificates for the reason that such certificates did not vest title in the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certificates approved by the Attorney General in the counties of Brevard, Okaloosa, Sarasota, and Union. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries and necessary and regular expenses be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 315.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	225.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Clerk & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk-Bookkeeper	190.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	165.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Stenographer	175.00
W. H. Sealey and Effie R. Sealey, Gainesville Refund part deed #1669 as to lots sold erroneously—Church property	8.32
D. H. Dukes, Starke, Fla. Refund All Deed #126—title in U. S.	25.00
D. R. Partin, Perry, Fla. Refund all deed #261 account of double assessment	105.10
A. J. Thomas, C. C. C. Bradford County Starke, Florida—Recording Fee	1.80

Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	9.40
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.40
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.60
W. A. Williams, Jr., C. C. C. Putnam County Palatka, Florida Refund part deed #1894	75.00
TOTAL	$1,398.62

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
December 30, 1947

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells presented offer of $200.00 from F. G. Ziegenbusch for the following described lot:

Lot 32, Block 3, Pine Island Fill, Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Lee County, Florida.

Information having been furnished that the offer was in line with values in that locality, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for bids based on offer from Mr. Ziegenbusch. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $200.00 an acre was presented from George W. Scobie, Jr., for a parcel of land adjacent to his upland property, said parcel being described as:

60 feet wide by 1100 feet long lying East of Lots 8, 9, 10—Block "F" Plat of City of Titusville, as extended, containing approximately 1½ acres in Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Scobie subject to the land being advertised for objections. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from W. M. Thompson, on behalf of George C. Brown Company of Greensboro, North Carolina, with offer of $7.00 per cord for all usable, uncut and on the ground, cedar trees on State owned property in Citrus and Levy counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise the cedar trees for competitive bids based on offer of $7.00 per cord. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells requested that the Trustees reconsider action taken December 16, 1947, on application from Sumter L. Lowry for purchase of a rock area in Citrus County, for which he offered $50.00. Explanation was made that there had been a mistake in the parcel Mr. Lowry desired to purchase, his intention being to apply for

A small island in Homosassa River, known as Bell Island, near the north bank opposite Government Lot 4, Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 16 East, Citrus County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees rescind action taken December 16, and authorize the island advertised for objections only, based on offer of $50.00 for the parcel. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented for further consideration request from T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of clients G. C. Durrance and Sid Lowe, that the Trustees not require payment of attorneys' fees but allow applicants to clear mortgages #16678 and #16688 upon payment of $5000.00 as agreed upon plus interest. (Action taken on this subject recorded in minutes of November 18 and December 16.)

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of Mr. Conely and that assignment of the two mortgages be authorized upon payment of face of the mortgages plus interest. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the Office of the District Engineer, Department of the Army, for assignment of drainage reservations in deeds #17016 dated November 9, 1921, and #17177 dated June 13, 1922, heretofore issued by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund involving land in Hendry County. The United States has acquired right of way easement from Clewiston Company, successor in title to original grantee, for road purposes necessary in the maintenance, operation and management of Caloosahatchee River and Lake Okeechobee drainage areas, and it is required that when permanent easement is vested in the United States it shall be free of all clouds, liens and encumbrances, such as the reservations referred to.

Mr. Elliot stated that the reservations referred to were for canal right of way and use of the land for canal construction; that such reservations were inserted in deeds by resolution of the Trustees; that they were not required by statute and that such reservations had in many instances been released where there was no need for their continuance. Mr. Elliot recommended that the right to the use of the reservations be transferred to the United States.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Elliot to prepare the necessary instrument as suggested for meeting the wishes of the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. Julius Parker with request for increase in salary of his secretary, Miss Geraldine Davis, from $210.00 to $235.00 per month.

Mr. Elliot also asked for adjustment in salaries of two employees in his office—Mary Clare Pichard to be raised from $175.00 to $190.00 per menth and Jentye Dedge raised from $288.00 to $305.00 per month, and suggested that in view of the dropping off of Murphy Act receipts two employees in that department be discontinued—one February 1, 1948, and another within sixty or ninety days.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the request for increases in salary as outlined be al-

lowed effective January 1, 1948, and that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved as to discontinuance of two employees under the Murphy Act. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that said bids were regular in all respects and were presented for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Citrus	12/8/47	13
Clay	12/20/47	1
Duval	11/5/47	71
Dade	12/10/47	14
Escambia	12/22/47	5
Gadsden	12/16/47	1
Holmes	12/22/47	1
Indian River	12/15/47	16
Jackson	11/17/47	2
Jefferson	12/9/47	5
Levy	12/1/47	6
Monroe	12/10/47	372
Polk	11/26/47	11
Putnam	12/6/47	12

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Sarah H. Clements for issuance of supplemental deed to include a parcel included in application, advertisement and sale, but omitted from original Escambia County Deed No. 479.

Office of Attorney General having approved issuance of deed, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees execute

> Escambia County Deed No. 479-Suppl. in favor of Sarah H. Clements, executrix for estate of Dr. H. C. Clements, conveying Lot 4, Block 50, Beach Haven—Sections 35/54, Township 2 South, Range 30 West,

for the consideration of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sarasota County, as agent for the Trustees, requesting instruction as to handling a case in his county where a drainage district held liens on property, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296. The drainage district conveyed title to the property to an individual and said grantee desires to acquire complete title.

Pursuant to suggestion of Mr. Elliot, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute deed, under Chapter 21684 of 1943, in favor of the drainage district for the consideration of the Murphy Act base bid and that the draining district then convey to its grantee, or its grantee's assignee, for the same consideration, thereby placing in said grantee title of the district and of the State in the following lots:

> Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block "D" St. Louis Terrace—Section 7, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed authorized executed upon receipt of $35.00.

Request was presented for release of oil and mineral reservations in Dade County Deed #010-Chap. 21684 to the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the reason that the present owners are building on the lots and it is necessary to have the reservations removed before loans may be secured.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize release of oil and mineral reservations in lots conveyed to the following grantees from the City of Hialeah:

> Jack Foss—
> Lot 20, Block 62—Studio Addition to Town of Hialeah Plat Book 9, page 5, Public Records of Dade County;
>
> Thomas J. Sharp—
> Lot 21, Block 81—First Addition to Town of Hialeah Plat Book 5, page 122, Public Records of Dade County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered issued upon payment of $5.00 per deed.

Mr. Elliot presented requests for cancellation of certificates under the Murphy Act, the Clerks of the Circuit Courts having certified that said certificates did not vest title in the State under Chapter 18296. Also, information was furnished that the Attorney General's office had recommended that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates listed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the recommendation of the Attorney General be followed and that the Trustees disclaim interest in those certain certificates as requested by the Clerks of Bay, Sarasota and Wakulla counties, and as approved by the Attorney General. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer to General Revenue from December receipts under Chapter 18296--the Murphy Act:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue Fund.....$15,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
January 6, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Pursuant to application from C. E. Chillingworth presented to the Trustees November 4, 1947, with offer of $10.00 an acre for Palm Beach County land, the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on December 5, 12, 19, 26, 1947, and January 2, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida November 13th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 6th, 1948, for the land in Palm Beach County, described as follows:

The land abutting on Lots 6 and 7 in Section 6, on Lots 2, 3 and 7 in Section 7, and on Lots 11 and 12 in Section 8 in Township 41 South, Range 43 East, particularly described as the portion of MSA 605 in the South Half of said Section 6, containing an area of 48.6 acres, more or less, and all of MSA 607 (except that part abutting on Lot 1 in Section 7, and except that part in the South Half of said Section 7 and West of the R/W Line), containing approximately 100.89 acres, more or less, according to maps on record in Deed Book 523 on pages 342 and 343 in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County, Florida.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections were presented when the land was called out for sale, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Larson, sec-

onded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Chillingworth at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. H. G. Stephenson and Mr. W. H. Hamilton came before the Trustees on behalf of clients, Claude H. Arbuthnot and W. A. Stanford, with offer of $1500.00 for assignment of mortgage No. 17218 dated May 23, 1921 from Henry A. Marks, covering the following described land:

> S 1/2 of Lot 3 and S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 26 East, containing 131.00 acres in Polk County, Florida.

Information was furnished that applicants hold tax deeds covering a part of the property and have paid taxes up to 1947; that improvements have been made on the property and the first knowledge they had of the State's claim was when foreclosure proceeding were filed by the Trustees last summer.

After discussing the case thoroughly, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to assign Mortgage No. 17218 to Claude H. Arbuthnot and W. A. Stanford upon payment of $1750.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

It was also agreed to turn over to applicants abstract of title held by the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, inclosing copy of resolution adopted by said board January 2, 1948, in which the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund were pettitioned and urged to prohibit and deny any request to engage in exploration or drilling for oil on, near or adjacent to Davis Causeway, or in the submerged or tidal lands or bay bottoms adjoining or adjacent to said Causeway.

Mr. Elliot further told the Trustees that a representative of Coastal Petroleum Company had called and asked how the company could secure a lease on State Road Department property adjacent to Davis Causeway for the purpose of drilling for oil; that he had informed Coastal that under the drilling lease the Trustees would require that the location be included in the contract with the State and royalty would be paid to the Trustees; that he had suggested, in the event a lease was given by the State Road Department, that the Company provide some other means

of access to the drilling location than that provided by Davis Causeway, but all arrangements would have to be between Coastal Petroleum Company and the State Road Department.

The Trustees having no jurisdiction in the matter, it was suggested that Mr. Elliot acknowledge receipt of the letter and resolution and advise the County Commissioners that he will consult with the Road Department but as the land is owned by that department any lease or contract would be with the State Road Department.

Mr. Elliot reported that by letter dated December 31, 1947, L. M. Gray, Land Acquisition Project Manager, National Park Service, requested on behalf of the United States that the Trustees consent to a reversion clause as provided for under Act of Congress of December 6, 1944, in cases where the United States takes title from private persons to land within Everglades National Park area. Mr. Elliot recommended that reversion clause be incorporated in each deed from grantor to the United States providing that in the event Everglades National Park should be abandoned at any time after establishment title to the land described in the deed shall automatically revert to the State of Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved as the action of the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot also recommended that the Trustees adopt a plan of survey of unsurveyed lands in Everglades National Park.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly carried, that the following resolution be adopted by the Trustees, it being understood that the expense of such survey when made shall not be at the expense of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

RESOLUTION

RE: SURVEY OF UNSURVEYED LANDS
IN EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund in 1912 adopted "Amended Instructions for Surveying the Land Embraced in United States Patent No. 137 Known as the Everglades"

and based thereon much of the previously unsurveyed land in said patent has been surveyed, and

WHEREAS, said instructions did not include a plan of survey for the unsurveyed land in the southwest area in the region of Shark River, White Water Bay and other areas for the most part south of Township 58 South and west of Range 37 East, all within said Patent No. 137, and

WHEREAS, in connection with Everglades National Park it is now desirable that a plan for the survey of said unsurveyed land be adopted following the standard survey procedure outlined in said amended instructions of 1912, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Drainage Engineer has prepared instructions for the survey of said land in accordance with the standard plan of survey heretofore adopted,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND that the plan for the survey of land hereinbefore referred to shall be and is hereby adopted by said Trustees and it is ordered that when said land shall be surveyed said plan shall be followed, making due allowance, however, for such modification as the Chief Drainage Engineer shall deem expedient and as he may direct for meeting the needs of the survey and the identification of the land.

Mr. Elliot further reported that the United States is taking up with Model Land Company acquisition of lands conveyed in Deed No. 16396, dated December 14, 1912, to Florida East Coast Railway Company. The deed specifies a certain number of acres and the land is described section by section of 640 acres each. Many of the sections comprising 640 acres are made up in part of tidal lands, including White Water Bay and others. There was no authority at the time deed was issued to convey title out of the State to sovereignty lands. The United States in carrying out acquisition takes the position that all of the area owned by the State within Everglades National Park boundaries was conveyed by deed dated December 28, 1944; that the State held title to all sovereignty land at the time of the deed; that the Federal Government does not feel authorized to pay Model Land Company, or any one else, for land included in an estimated acreage the title of which had not passed then. The Trustees take the posi-

tion that the State did not part with its title to the sovereign land under deed issued in 1912.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

RE: SOVEREIGNTY LANDS EMBRACED IN TRUSTEES' DEED NO. 16396

WHEREAS, Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund executed Deed No. 16396 dated 14 December 1912 in favor of Florida East Coast Railway Company, which said deed described certain land all of which was presumed to be swamp and overflow land, title to which had come to the State from the United States under the provision of the Act of Congress of September 28, 1850, known as the "Swamp and Overflow Land Grant Act", and more specifically by United States Patent No. 137 in the year 1903, and

WHEREAS, when said deed was executed the land described therein for the most part was and still is unsurveyed and little was known of its character, but subsequent information discloses that considerable area in the region of White Water Bay and Shark River is not of the character of swamp and overflow land but was and is of the character of sovereignty land for the conveyance of which there was no authority in said Trustees on the date of said deed,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND that it is the sense of said Trustees that said Deed No. 16396, bearing date the 14th of December, 1912, in favor of Florida East Coast Railway Company, could not and did not convey title to any land of soveregin character within the sections, townships and ranges named in said deed.

Mr. Elliot reported that Federal Judge A. V. Long rendered a decision September 29, 1947, in the case of Gulf Oil Corporation vs. Millard F. Caldwell, et. al., as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, that the oil company was not required to pay rentals as contended by the Trustees and that such rentals paid under protest should be refunded by the Trustees to the company.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that refund be made to Gulf Oil Corporation of $5,641.40 representing rentals paid on Leases No. 362, 373 and 374.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Gulf Oil Corporation, Tampa, Florida		
Refund of rental, Oil Lease No. 362	$1,940.00	
Refund of rental, Oil Lease No. 373	2,469.34	
Refund of rental, Oil Lease No. 374	1,232.06	
		5,641.40
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To Prin. State School Fund under Sec. 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941		14,349.38
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To State Bd. Conservation for Oyster Conservation Fund, under Chap. 24121 of '47		1,339.75
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.		8.45
The Metropolis Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.		30.00
Pinellas County Title Co., Clearwater, Fla.		15.00
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.		.84
TOTAL		$21,384.82

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The following report was presented covering bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, all bids being regular and in order for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Bay	12/3/47	6
Brevard	12/15/47	45
Dade	12/19/47	18
Hardee	4/7/47	26
Hernando	12/29/47	8
Lee	11/24/47	1
Polk	12/26/47	1
Seminole	12/29/47	14

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was present for correction of grantee's name in Hillsborough County Deeds No. 1222 and No. 1312, the Attorney General's office having approved issuance of such deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following correction deeds:

> Hillsborough County Deed No. 1222-COR. to Trustees Orient Park Baptist Church, a Florida Corporation;
>
> Hillsborough County Deed No. 1312-COR. to Trustees Orient Park Baptist Church, a Florida Corporation.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Marjory B. Hamner for change in block number given in Hillsborough County Deed No. 4240.

The Attorney General's office having approved issuance of the deed as requested, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute Hillsborough County Deed No. 4240-Suppl. to Marjory B. Hamner giving the additional block number as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests having been received for release of State Road right of ways in deeds heretofore issued conveying land in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Putnam Counties, and the State Road Department having approved releases requested, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for relinquishing right of ways as approved by the State Road Department:

> Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 3133 to J. H. Userry;

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 809 to Joe P. Hardee;
Putnam County Q. C. Deed No. 508 to Ellen Johnson;
Putnam County Q. C. Deed No. 1776 to John E. and Helen Barden.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented the following report rendered by the Special Case Committee, recommending that the action taken be approved:

December 18, 1947

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund

C A P I T O L

Re: Report on Murphy sales in Special Cases.

Gentlemen:

Your committee undersigned, having examined the list of properties submitted to it by the Secretary-Engineer of your board, representing Murphy land sales for prices considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bid shown upon sheets numbered from 469 to 486, dealing separately on each sheet with each separate tract, the said sheets being made to accompany this report and enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture

J. EDWIN LARSON
Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON
Attorney General

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees adopt the report as presented by the Special Case Committee. Upon vote the motion was carried.

Letter was presented from the Special Case Committee with request that said committee be discharged, there being so few cases there is no special need for continuance of this service.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Special Case Committee be discharged as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
January 20, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Govrenor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

The Secretary presented for approval salaries and necessary and regular expenses under Chapter 610.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and necessary and regular expenses be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 475.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Taxes & Records	225.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	277.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	350.00
Julius Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	235.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney	400.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	180.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	50.00
Harry T. Newett, West Palm Beach, Fla. Mortgage foreclosure—Spessard Holland, et al. vs. D. F. Dunkle, et al, Chancery No. 17631, Palm Beach County	40.00

Jesse Warren, Attorney General's Office, Tallahassee, Fla.
Mortgage foreclosure—Holland, et al. vs. Dunkle et al. 77.61

Jack Culpepper, Tallahassee, Fla.
For estimate No. 1; alternations to basement south wing, Capitol Building $4,091.40

Financial Statements for the month of December 1947 are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of December 1, 1947		1,086,862.95
Receipts for the Month		
Land Sales—Gross	$26,266.33	
Less returned check	100.50	
Land Sales net	26,165.83	26,165.83
10,000 Cubic Yards Fill Material	500.00	
Sale of Certified Copies of Minutes	1.50	
Interest on Contracts	3.68	
Refund of Expense Money by Att'y General	183.10	
Pipe Line Right of Way	100.00	
Oil Leases	37,286.62	
Timber Leases	1,325.25	
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases	2,068.51	
Campsite Leases	110.00	
General Lease	100.00	
Mineral Leases	23,596.10	
Miscellaneous Leases	403.36	
Farm Leases	1,788.95	
Total Receipts	93,632.90	93,632.90
TOTAL		1,180,495.85
Less Disbursements for the Month of December, 1947		13,235.79
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1947		1,167,260.06

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1947

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
12-18-47	118744	Jimmy Sullivan, Sheriff	$ 27.90
	118745	The Hendry County News	28.00
	118746	Tallahassee Daily Democrat	8.25
	118747	News-Press Publishing Company	96.90

	118748	Lake County Citizen	26.60
	118749	Volusia County Abstract Company	24.00
	118750	Glades & Hendry Abstract Company	27.75
	118751	E. H. Scott, CCC	7.50
	118752	D. S. Weeks, CCC	7.50
	118753	Jack L. Meeks, CCC	4.50
	118754	H. & W. B. Drew Company	6.40
	118755	Bradenton Herald Company	27.29
	118757	State Treasurer—Tr. to Prin. State School Fund	9,801.14
	118758	State Treasurer—Tr. to State Board Oyster Conservation Fd.	389.39
	118756	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	32.67
12-31-47	104066	F. C. Elliot	347.65
	104067	M. O. Barco	163.15
	104068	Jentye Dedge	225.70
	104069	J. B. Lee	19.00
	104070	W. B. Granger	47.50
	104071	A. C. Bridges	278.90
	104072	Julius Parker	433.40
	104073	Geraldine Davis	197.80
	104074	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
	104075	Bonnie G. Shelfer	147.80
	104076	Sinclair Wells	47.50
		5% Retirement Fund	67.50
		Withholding Tax	409.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1947			$13,235.79

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of December 1, 1947	$1,855.00
Receipts for the Month	-0-
Disbursements for the Month	-0-
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1947	$1,855.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of December 1, 1947	$52,632.21
Receipts for the Month	21,006.66
TOTAL	73,638.87
Less Disbursements for the Month	16,398.62
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1947	$57,240.25

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1947

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
12-4-47	105546	W. H. & Effie R. Sealey	$ 8.32
	105547	D. H. Dukes	25.00
	105548	D. R. Partin	105.10
12-18-47	119017	A. J. Thomas, CCC	1.80
	119018	Southeastern Telephone Co.	9.40
	119019	Western Union Telegraph Co.	.40
	119020	Capital Office Equipment Co.	.60
12-31-47	102537	Ernest Hewitt	292.60
	102538	J. R. Roberts	198.85
	102539	M. O. Barco	23.75
	102540	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	102541	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	102542	Elizabeth M. Goode	155.90
	102543	Vivian A. Dedicos	152.40
	102544	Mary Clare Pichard	161.10
	124057	W. A. Williams, Jr., CCC	75.00
	125370	State Treasurer—Tr. to GR	15,000.00
		5% Retirement Fund	24.50
		Withholding Tax	88.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1947			$16,398.62

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented for approval salaries and necessary and regular expenses under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and necessary and regular expenses be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 315.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	225.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Clerk & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk-Bookkeeper	190.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	165.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Stenographer	190.00
Capital Office Equipment Company Tallahassee, Fla.	12.68
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Atlanta, Ga.	23.25
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	.72

L. B. Alexander, c/o Geo. E. Evans, CCC
Alachua County, Gainesville, Fla.
Refund part deed #1608 ..... 12.50

R. W. Baughman, c/o Ray E. Green, CCC
Pinellas County, Clearwater, Fla.
Refund part Deed #4136 ..... 40.00

George A. Speer, Jr. & Rose H. Speer
c/o O. P. Herndon, C.C.C. Seminole County
Sanford, Fla.
Refund all deed #1377 ..... 25.00

TOTAL $1,302.15

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
January 27, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells reported that Bay County land had been advertised to be sold January 20, 1948, but a quorum of the Trustees not being present on that date, the bids were received and held pending action; that application to purchase was made by The St. Joe Paper Company and the following notice was published in the News Herald, Panama City, Florida on December 19, 26, 1947, and January 2, 9 and 16, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, December 5, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 20th, 1948, for the land in Bay County, described as follows:

NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 12, Township 2 South, Range 15 West;
Lots 2 and 3, Section 6;
Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 7;
Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, N 1/2 of SW 1/4, W 1-2 of SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 8;
Lots 1 and 2, Section 9;
Lots 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, E 1/2 of NW 1/4, SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 17;
Lots 4 and 5, Section 18;
Lots 4 and 5, Section 19;
Lots 2 and 3, NE 1/4, S 1/2 of NW 1/4, E 1/2 of SE 1/4, Section 20;
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, S 1/2 of Section 21;
Lot 1, NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, N 1/2 of NW 1/4, Section 28;
Lots 3, 4, 6, NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 29, all in Township 3 South, Range 15 West.
N 1/2 of NE 1/4, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Section 23;
N 1/2, NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Section 24;
SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 25; all in Township 3 South, Range 16 West;
containing approximately 2,766.60 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The following bids received on the 20th were presented for consideration:

$10.00 per acre for Section 12, Township 2 South, Range 15 West;
$10.00 per acre for Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9, Township 3 South, Range 15 West;
$20.00 per acre for Sections 18 and 19, Township 3 South, Range 15 West;
$12.50 per acre for Sections 17, 20 and 21, Township 3 South, Range 15 West;
$12.50 per acre for Sections 28 and 29, Township 3 South, Range 15 West;
$10.00 per acre for Sections 23 and 25, Township 3 South, Range 16 West.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids offered by The St. Joe Paper Company for the land described in notice. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that there were no objections filed to sale of Palm Beach County land advertised for sale January 20, 1948, and held for consideration at this meeting, a quorum not being present on the 20th. Application was made to purchase by Clyde W. Alley with offer of $750.00 an acre, and the following notice was published in the Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Florida, on December 21, 28, 1947, and January 4, 11 and 18, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, December 17, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 20th, 1948, for the land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

A certain parcel of sovereignty land abutting on Lot H-12, according to the Supplemental Plat of Sections 8 and 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, Florida, adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as official 3, January, 1928, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commence at the

N. W. Corner of Lot H-12, aforesaid, thence N. 53° 59' East, 83.81 feet along the 17 Foot Contour, thence N. 50° East, 16.33 feet along same contour, thence N. 39° 50' West, 91.0 feet; thence S. 50° 26' West, 100 feet, along the U. S. R/W Line; thence S. 39° 50' East, 85.92 feet along a projection of the West line of Lot H-12, projected, to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.204 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Alley at the price offered for the land described in notice. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $12.50 an acre was presented from H. H. Cannon for purchase of the following described land in Manatee County:

SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 36 South, Range 21 East, containing 40 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Cannon. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Noah B. Butt, representing Canaveral Port Authority, for conveyance of the following described land for port purposes:

66 acres of submerged land in Section 15, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County.

Land immediately to the north of the parcel described was purchased by the Port Authority at a price of seventy-five cents (75c) an acre and the same offer is made for the land now requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to sell the land at the price offered, and make a counter proposal to convey the land to the Port Authority upon payment of $1.00 per acre, plus cost of advertising for objections only, conveyance to be for public purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Florida Gravel Company for five-year renewal of Sand and Gravel Lease #296 for which it offers ten cents (10c) per cubic yard. Lease covers all that portion of the Apalachicola and Chattahoochee Rivers in the State of Florida, from Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida, to the line between the States of Alabama and Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees renew Lease #296 for five years upon payment of ten cents (10c) per cubic yard for all sand and gravel taken, with minimum monthly payments of $25.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that he had received check in amount of $1400.00 from St. Armand Realty Company, (the Ringling Estate) represented by Sidney R. Newman, in payment for fill material taken from the bay and deposited on property of the company located on North Lido Island, lying westerly of a projection of State highway tangent running north from St. Armands Key toward New Pass bridge and north of Sarasota Bay.

It was recalled that on December 16, 1947, the Trustees agreed to sell this applicant fill material under certain conditions. Mr. Newman asks that said action be rescinded and that the Trustees donate the fill material to build up the Ringling property.

The Trustees were of the opinion that there was no justification for donating the fill material but were agreeable to some reduction in price, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees reduce the price to one-half the standard rate on future units of material to be removed by applicant. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented request from the City of Eustis, Lake County, Florida, for reconsideration of action taken by Trustees October 7, 1947, in reference to removal of fill material from Lake Eustis to build up an unsanitary area within the city limits. On that date the Trustees agreed to allow removal of material to be placed on public property without cost, but the usual charge would be made for any placed on private property. Information now is that the greater part of the property is privately owned and the owner will not pay for the fill; that the area is mosquito infested and a nuisance to the City.

The Trustees were not agreeable to donating material for filling private land and instructed the Land Clerk to take the matter up with the City of Eustis and see if some plan can not be worked out with the owner of the lake front property; if not, the City might condemn the property whereupon the Trustees would donate sand from the lake for filling the area. It was so ordered.

Application was presented from Humble Oil & Refining Company for oil and gas lease covering the following described land:

> S 1/2 of Section 31, except the NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of NW 1/4; All of Section 32, except the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Township 48 South, Range 29 East, and
> W 1/2 of Section 25, and all Section 35, Township 48 South, Range 30 East,
> All in Collier County, Florida.

$1.00 an acre was offered for the lease plus the usual one-eighth royalty.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the lands for bids based on offer of Humble Oil and Refining Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented five applications for homesteading land owned by several counties, with information that all papers required by the Trustees had been filed, including photostatic copy of honorable discharge from the service, statement from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and one from the County Agent as to the character of the land and its suitability for homesteading as required under the law.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve homestead entry on county owned land in favor of the following entrymen:

Escambia County—George Geno Hill of Pensacola, Florida, 17.8 acres in Section 37, Township 2 South, Range 31 West;

Escambia County—James William Fuller of Pensacola, Florida, 40 acres in Section 37, Township 2 South, Range 31 West;

Lake County—Clyde Eugene Wallace, Eustis, Florida, 27 acres in Section 12, Township 19 South, Range 26 East;

Lake County—Reginald G. Cassady, Tavares, Florida, Block 10, Alex St. Clair-Abrams extension to Tavares as shown on revised sheet No. 7—Tavares —5 acres;

Sarasota County—James Ernest Grant, Jr., Sarasota, Florida; NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, less 14.86 acres to Houle south and east of hard road—Section 23, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, containing 25 acres. (Entry cancelled Aug. 3, 1948)

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the five entries approved.

Mr. Elliot presented a matter involving submerged bottoms along the shore of the mainland of Lake Worth in Palm Beach County, a part of which had been bulkheaded and filled. In 1912 John B. Beach acquired title to certain riparian property bordering upon the west shore of Lake Worth north of West Palm Beach. In 1926 the riparian proprietor, in pursuance of Chapter 8537, Acts of 1921, bulkheaded and filled outward from the shore a portion of the submerged bottoms adjoining his upland; that on June 30, 1947, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund executed Deed No. 19334 in favor of the State Road Department to an area of submerged bottoms 150 feet wide on each side of the center line of a road, causeway and bridge to be constructed across Lake Worth from its original western shore to its original eastern shore; that a portion of the area described in said deed occupied a part of the area bulkheaded and filled; that such bulkheading and filling under the provisions of said act and in pursuance of the opinion of the Supreme Court of Flor-

ida in the case of Spessard L. Holland, et al. vs. Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Company, operated to vest the absolute title to the made land in the riparian proprietor.

Mr. George W. Coleman, on behalf of his client, Mrs. Annie B. Beach, widow, successor in title to John B. Beach, states that the deed from the Trustees to the State Road Department across the land which had been bulkheaded and filled undertook to convey land title to which was not in the Trustees but solely in Mrs. Beach in the absolute; that such deed constituted a cloud on her title and asked the Trustees to take steps to remove the same. Mr. Coleman also stated that when the title in Mrs. Beach is cleared she will convey to the State Road Department without cost an area across the filled land of the same dimensions as described in Trustees' deed to said Department.

Based on the above, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees take the following action: That the State Road Department be requested to deed to the Trustees that part of the area described in Deed No. 19334 from said Trustees to said Road Department which lies within the bulkheaded and filled area referred to, and when so deeded the Trustees will execute quit claim deed in favor of Mrs. Beach, as the adjoining riparian proprietor, whereupon Mrs. Beach is to execute deed to the State Road Department covering an area of same dimensions as described in Trustees' deed lying within the filled area.

In reference to all water bottoms coming within the purview of Chapter 8537 of 1921 which have not been bulkheaded and filled and the absolute title to which has not vested in the adjacent riparian proprietor, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund take the following position: That the qualified title or use right in the riparian proprietor, as defined by the Supreme Court of Florida in the case of Spessard L. Holland, et al., vs. Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company, does not affect the right of the Trustees to grant easements or convey title for public purposes to or over said water bottoms. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees consider the matter of exchanging State lands outside of Everglades National Park for privately owned lands within said park boundaries, action having been taken June 25, 1946, making available for exchange certain state land.

Upon discussion of the subject, the Trustees were of the opinion that the State of Florida having donated two million dollars to the Federal Government for land acquisition and believing that such amount will be sufficient to acquire title to all lands within the park area, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees withdraw for the purpose of exchange the land previously made available for that purpose. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon recommendation of the Governor, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the salary of F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary for the Trustees, be raised to $6100.00 annually from funds under Chapter 610, effective February 1, 1948. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. Dade County
Miami, Florida
For Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes $77.80

L. C. Kickliter, T. C. Martin County
Stuart, Florida
For Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes 3.11

TOTAL $80.91

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids are regular in all respects and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	12/17/47	13
Baker	12/22/47	5
Broward	1/19/48	3
Charlotte	12/8/47	2
Clay	1/3/48	3
Clay	1/3/48	1
Columbia	1/12/48	1
Columbia	12/8/47	1
Dade	1/21/48	3

Flagler	1/5/48	1
Hamilton	1/5/48	1
Hardee	5/5/47	11
Hardee	6/2/47	6
Hardee	6/2/47	5
Hardee	7/7/47	19
Hardee	8/4/47	9
Hardee	8/25/47	2
Hardee	9/1/47	3
Hillsborough	1/6/48	23
Indian River	1/19/48	9
Lake	1/12/48	28
Lee	11/9/47	1
Levy	12/1/47	1
Manatee	1/5/48	11
Marion	1/5/48	4
Monroe	1/9/48	203
Nassau	11/24/47	1
Nassau	1/12/48	4
Orange	12/1/47	2
Orange	1/5/48	6
Osceola	1/5/48	15
Palm Beach	1/9/48	10
Pasco	1/5/48	7
Pinellas	1/13/48	75
Polk	12/30/47	9
Putnam	1/3/48	4
St. Lucie	1/5/48	50
Sarasota	1/7/48	22
Sumter	1/5/48	9
Union	1/5/48	6
Volusia	1/5/48	67
Washington	12/29/47	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve bids reported and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented a number of applications for release of State Road right of ways in deeds heretofore issued, together with recommendation from the State Road Department that the requests be granted; also as to Dade County applications, these include release of oil and mineral reservations.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted that right of way reservations be released to the following parties:

Alachua County Q. C. Deeds Nos. 403, 830, 840 and 1486 to Seaboard Air Line Railroad Co., a Virginia Corporation;

Broward County Q. C. Deed No. 2301 to J. A. Brower and Anna L. Brower, his wife;

Dade County Q. C. Deed No. 03-Chap. 21684 to Leonidas M. Logan, Jr.;

Dade County Q. C. Deed No. 03-Chap. 21684 to William Goodwin, Jr.;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 443 to Ida Wolf;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 1053 to John L. Thompson and Eva Thompson, his wife;

Osceola County Q. C. Deed No. 271 to Mrs. Catherine Clever, widow of George Clever, deceased;

Palm Beach County Q. C. Deed No. 2321 to Michael Hiotis;

Palm Beach County Q. C. Deed No. 677 to George P. Harrison and Ethel M. Harrison, his wife;

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 1779 to Mrs. Edith Shepler;

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 1831 to James A. Rosenberger, Sr.;

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 1961 to J. M. Webb and Katie Webb, his wife;

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 4109 to Volney L. Dunklin.

Request was presented for issuance of deed to correct initial of grantee in Duval County Deed #4088 from Ξ. L. Oglesby to E. J. Oglesby.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize Duval County Deed No. 4088-COR. to E. J. Oglesby for correcting the initial in his name. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was made for duplicate Lee County deed in favor of Tice Civic Club, original deed having been lost prior to recording.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of Lee County Deed No. 48-A in favor of Tice Civic Club upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented for release of State road right of way and reservation for oil and minerals in Dade County Deed No. 03-Chap. 21684 to City of Hialeah, the City having conveyed title to certain lots to applicants making requests. The Secretary informed the Trustees that the State Road Department had approved release of the road right of way and that it was in line with past procedure to release oil and mineral reservations where city lots were involved.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of deeds to the following parties for the purpose of releasing right of way reservation for State roads and oil and mineral reservations; consideration to be $5.00 each deed:

> Leonidas M. Logan, Jr.—Lot 15, Block 3, Second Amended Plat of Holleman Manor #2;
> William Goodwin, Jr.—Lot 1, Block 4, Second Amended Plat of Holleman Manor #2.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from W. R. E. Myrick and Marie Myrick, his wife, for release of oil and mineral reservation in deed involving lot in Dade County. The Secretary recommended that release be authorized upon payment of $5.00.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that upon payment of $5.00 the following deed be authorized for releasing reservations requested:

> Dade County Q. C. Deed No. 3311 to Ruth Morat, successor in title to original grantees—Lot 2, Less St. Block 26, Idlewild Park, a subdivision of the city of Miami.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Hillsborough County with offer of $60.00 for four lots on which the County foreclosed assessment liens and subsequently executed deed in favor

of Cody Fowler; that it has since developed that the State took title to the lots under Chapter 18296 and it is necessary to acquire title under the Murphy Act. The Secretary recommended acceptance of offer from the County, which is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer from Hillsborough County and authorize conveyance of

> Lots 23, 24, 25, 26, Block B. Elizabeth Court, Hillsborough County, Florida,

under provisions of Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from City of Palmetto, Manatee County, Florida, that the Trustees reconsider action heretofore taken and make conveyance without consideration of a parcel of land owned by the City for the past thirty (30) years and used as a city park.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request of the City of Palmetto and authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943 of the following described parcel at a price of $5.00, deed to contain "Public Purposes" clause:

> Begin at southwest corner of Lot 7, Block "B", Lamb's Plat. Palmetto; thence North 40 feet; East 85 feet; South 40 feet; West 85 feet to point of beginning, in Section 14, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, in Manatee County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Martin County asking that the Trustees convey to the County a parcel of land described as

> NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 37 South, Range 41 East, Martin County,

which parcel was included in foreclosure proceedings and later sold by the County to an individual who had reclaimed all outstanding tax certificates from 1932 to 1946 and had purchased quit claim deed from former owner. A certificate prior to 1932 was outstanding by which title to the parcel vested in the State under the Murphy Act. The County requests conveyance of Murphy Act title in order to remove the cloud on title of County's grantee.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the County of the parcel described under provisions of Chapter 21684 for consideration of $5.00, the County's grantee having paid out in excess of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $300.00 was presented from Town of Orange City, Florida, for conveyance of

Lot 1 and W 1/2 of Lot 2, Orange City, Volusia County.

Information was furnished that the assessment on this property in 1932 was $1800.00, one-fourth of which would be $450.00, but since that time a house located thereon had been removed, and in 1947 the full value was given as $300.00 on the assessment roll.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the Town of Orange City under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, upon payment of $300.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that the following transfer would be made to General Revenue Fund from January receipts under the Murphy Act:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue Fund.....$15,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
February 3, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve minutes of December 16, 1947, as submitted by the Secretary. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented offer of $12.50 an acre from Mr. Clyde McKendree for purchase of the following described land:

NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 24 South, Range 20 East, containing 40 acres in Pasco County, Florida.

Also, request was presented from James N. Taylor, Vocational Agricultural Instructor, Dade City colored schools, to lease the same property for Negro Future Farmers.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land for competitive bids, based on offer from Mr. McKendree, and advise James N. Taylor to make another selection of a tract of land suitable for the Future Farmers. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from M. B. Jordan, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Fort Pierce, Florida, requesting information for acquiring land to be used by Future Farmers of America in that county.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Wells be requested to write Mr. Jordan that land to be used for planting timber and cultivating the same by Future Farmers may be acquired under lease from the

Trustees without cost, suggesting that he select a suitable area and make application to the Trustees for lease thereon. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Attention was called to Orange County land advertised for sale today, subject to objections only, based on application from R. H. Cobb, on behalf of K. M. Magarian, with offer of $300.00 an acre. The following notice was published in the Sentinel-Star, Orlando, Florida, on January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, December 17th, 1947

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. February 3, 1948, for the land in ORANGE COUNTY, described as follows:

Begin 180 feet Westerly on the prolongation of the South line Lot 70, Block "E" of Venetian Gardens as recorded in Plat Book "L", Page 25, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, run Northerly at right angles 200 feet; thence Westerly at right angles 23.1 feet to Lake Conway; thence Southerly along the shores of Lake Conway to a point on the prolongation of the South line of said Lot 70; thence Easterly along said line 14.4 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.083 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been presented or filed, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Magarian at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees on December 30, 1947, agreed to advertise for competitive bidding a parcel of land on Pine Island fill for which Mr. F. G. Ziegenbusch had offered $200.00. The following notice was published in the Fort Myers News on January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, January 2nd, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. February 3rd, 1948, for the land in LEE COUNTY, described as follows:

Lot 32, Block 3, of a plat of Pine Island Fill Subdivision, Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 22 East, in Plat Book No. 8, Page 86, Public Records of Lee County, Florida.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for bids, Mr. J. A. Franklin, representing Collier Goldie, informed the Trustees that Mrs. Irene Sutton, mother of Mr. Goldie, made improvements on this lot for her son who was then in the service and made application to purchase on the same basis as other squatters had acquired lots which they had been using.

Mr. Wells presented letter with check for $377.77 as bid of Thomas F. Doyle, Jr., for the land advertised.

Mr. Ziegenbusch, for himself, and Mr. Franklin, for Mr. Goldie, competed in bidding with the result that Mr. Franklin bid $510.00 for the lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale to Collier Goldie at the highest bid made—$510.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented five (5) applications for homestead entry on land owned by Escambia County, all applications having been approved by the Board of County Commissioners and the County Agent, and all requirements complied with.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the following applications:

Maurice L. Nelson, Sr.—37.5 acres in Section 37, Township 2 South, Range 31 West—Joseph Pol Grant;

Lamar W. Clements—40 acres in Section 37, Township 2 South, Range 31 West—Joseph Pol Grant; (Cancelled June 22, 1948)

Ruby L. Carr—18 acres in Section 37, Township 2 South, Range 31 West—Joseph Pol Grant;

Willie D. Davis—40 acres in Section 37, Township 2 South, Range 31 West—Joseph Pol Grant;

Johnnie C. Wright—35 acres in Section 9, Township 2 South, Range 30 West.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for land under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids are regular in all respects and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Dade	1/23/48	21
Gadsden	1/28/48	1
Hillsborough	1-27-48	8
Martin	1/12/48	3
Taylor	12/19/47	2

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve bids reported and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented for release of State road right of way in Hillsborough County Deed No. 397, accompanied by recommendation from the State Road Department that the reservation be released.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the following deed be executed for releasing State road reservation:

> Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 397 to V. D. Nalls and Retha May Nalls, his wife.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for renewal of Grazing Lease #3 in favor of Melvin Johnson, covering the following described tract:

> 182 Lots in Blocks 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52, Magnolia Park, Osceola County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize renewal of lease in favor of Mr. Johnson for a period of one year upon payment of $10.10. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from City of Vero Beach for release of "Public Purposes" clause in Indian River County Deed No. 267, in so far as it affects

> Lots 1 to 7, inclusive, Block 4—Original Town of Vero.

It was explained that the City has deeded said lots to Vero Beach Veterans, Inc., a non-profit organization, and in order to finance construction of the club house it is necessary to have the reservation eliminated.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize release of the reservation covering Lots 1 to 7, as above, upon payment of $1.00 per lot. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
February 13, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells presented offer of $8.00 an acre from J. C. Jackman for purchase of the following described land now under Grazing Lease #311 to Lykes Brothers, expiring April 28, 1948:

SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 33 East, Containing 160 acres in Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bidding based on offer from Mr. Jackman. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from D. Wallace Fields, on behalf of Bay Point Park, Inc., offering $100.00 an acre for

5.68 acres of submerged land in Section 12, Township 29 South, Range 17 East, Hillsborough County,

adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $200.00 was presented from W. D. and Frances Coker for purchase of two small parcels of submerged land immediately adjacent to their upland property near Lake Surprise, Monroe County, the total of the two parcels being 0.51 of an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer from applicant, conditioned upon the land being advertised for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer of $5.00 for renewal of Grazing Lease #347 covering Glades County land, for a period of one year. Upon vote the motion was adopted. W. E. Daniel, applicant.

Application was presented from W. H. Hoover for conveyance of a strip of land within his bulkhead in front of Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, owned by him on San Marco, an island in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, estimated to contain approximately one-fourteenth of an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to convey the strip upon payment of $10.00 plus cost of advertising the parcel for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the City of Port Orange, Florida, that the Trustees release the "public purposes" clause contained in right of way deed executed by the Trustees July 22, 1938. It was explained that the City desired to convey the right of way to Volusia County for the purpose of having a bridge and causeway across Halifax River constructed thereon and to have a traffic survey made for determining the financial feasibility of the project as a toll bridge.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to release the public purpose clause in Deed #18455 conveying right of way through Sections 2 and 3, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, for the reason set forth by the City of Port Orange. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees were informed that the lawsuit involving timber trespass on State land in Lake and Volusia counties had been disposed of; also that the cypress timber on said land had been sold; and inquiry was made as to whether or not the services of J. B. Lee, timber guard, are to be continued or not. Mr. Mayo suggested that his services be discontinued as there was no further need for a guard, the Trustees having disposed of the timber on the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees discontinue the services of Mr. Lee for the reasons given above. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following salaries and necessary and regular items be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 508.33
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Taxes & Records	225.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	277.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	350.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	235.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney	400.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	180.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	50.00
Ruth N. Landers	32.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To Prin. State School Fund under Sec. 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941	11,721.36
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahasse, Florida To State Bd. Conservation for Oyster Conservation Fund, under Chap. 24121, Acts of 1947	809.55
The Punta Gorda Herald, Punta Gorda, Fla.	25.00
Jack Culpepper, Tallahassee, Fla. For Estimate No. 2, Alterations to basement south wing of Capitol Building	2,875.42
TOTAL	$18,259.16

Following are financial statements for the month of January 1948:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of January 1, 1948		$1,167,260.06
Receipts for the Month		
Land Sales	$39,531.36	
Agricultural Lease	1,460.32	
Mineral Leases	400.00	
Timber Leases	600.64	
Miscellaneous Lease	4.81	
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases	1,821.54	
Grazing Leases	164.55	
Oil Leases	8,035.60	
Campsite Leases	110.00	
General Lease	50.00	
Refund Cost of Mortgage Foreclosure	5.70	
Tax Refunds	2,696.94	
Interest on Contracts	52.95	
Total Receipts	54,934.41	54,934.41
TOTAL		1,222,194.47
Less Disbursements for the Month of January, 1948		28,436.74
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1948		1,193,757.73

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1948

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
1-8-48	131180	Southeastern Telephone Company	$ 8.45
	131181	The Metropolis Company	30.00
	131182	Pinellas County Title Company	15.00
	131183	Capital Office Equipment Company	.84
	131184	State Treasurer—Trans. to Prin. State School Fund	14,349.38
	131185	State Treasurer—Trans. to State Bd. of Conservation, Oyster Conservation Fund	1,339.75
1-9-48	131847	Gulf Oil Corporation	5,641.40
1-22-48	143357	Harry T. Newett	40.00
	143358	Jesse Warren	77.61
1-23-48	144099	Jack Culpepper	4,091.40
1-31-48	131531	F. C. Elliot	347.65
	131532	M. O. Barco	163.15
	131533	Jentye Dedge	239.70
	131534	J. B. Lee	19.00

131535	W. B. Granger	47.50
131536	A. C. Bridges	278.90
131537	Julius Parker	433.40
131538	Geraldine Davis	218.70
131539	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
131540	Bonnie G. Shelfer	147.80
131541	Sinclair Wells	47.50
149608	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	77.80
149609	L. C. Kicklighter, TC	3.11
	5% Retirement Fund	67.50
	Withholding Tax	416.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1948		$28,436.74

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of January 1, 1948	$1,855.00
Receipts for the Month	-0-
Disbursements for the Month	-0-
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1948	$1,855.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of January 1, 1948	$57,240.25
Receipts for the Month	17,077.46
TOTAL	74,317.71
Less Disbursements for the Month	16,302.15
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1948	$58,015.56

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1948

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
1-8-48	130563	R. W. Baughman	$ 40.00
	130564	Geo. A. & Rose H. Speer	25.00
1-10-48	132450	L. B. Alexander	12.50
1-22-48	143044	Capital Office Equipment Company	12.68
	143045	Burroughs Adding Machine Company	23.25
	143046	Western Union Telegraph Company	.72
1-31-48	124907	Ernest Hewitt	292.60
	124908	J. R. Roberts	198.85
	124909	M. O. Barco	23.75

124910	Jentye Dedge	28.00
124911	F. C. Elliot	47.50
124912	Elizabeth M. Goode	155.90
124913	Vivian A. Dedicos	152.40
124914	Mary Clare Pichard	173.30
149226	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas.—	
	Transfer to General Revenue	15,000.00
	5% Retirement Fund	24.50
	Withholding Tax	91.20
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1948		$16,302.15

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that said bids are regular in all respects and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Dade	2/4/48	9
Escambia	1/31/48	2
Flagler	2/2/48	1
Hardee	10/6/47	9
Hardee	11/3/47	3
Hardee	11/10/47	2
Hardee	12/1/47	7
Hardee	12/1/47	2
Levy	1/19/48	5
Madison	2/9/48	1
Manatee	2/2/48	12
Marion	2/2/48	6
Martin	1/26/48	196
Orange	2/2/48	4
Osceola	1/5/48	2
Pasco	2/2/48	3
St. Johns	1/14/48	4
St. Lucie	2/2/48	3
Seminole	2/2/48	22
Suwannee	11/3/47	1
Wakulla	11/10/47	2
Wakulla	2/11/48	2

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from W. A. Bound, Inc., for release of State road right of way reserved in Palm Beach County Deed #593. Recommendation has been received from the State Road Department approving release as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize execution of Palm Beach County Quitclaim Deed #593 to W. A. Bound, Inc., for the purpose of releasing State road right of way as recommended by the State Road Department, consideration to be $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted for deed to Marvin Brannen for the purpose of correcting description erroneously given in original Taylor County Deed #19.

The Attorney General's office having approved correction requested, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees execute Taylor County Deed No. 19-COR. in favor of Marvin Brannen for consideration of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from Eddie J. Wagner and Ethel J. Wagner for duplicate deed to replace original Hillsborough County Deed #4575 dated August 12, 1946.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request of applicant and authorize issuance of Hillsborough County Deed #4575-A for consideration of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $400.00 was presented from E. H. Mason for land in Manatee County, one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value of which is $950.00, said parcel being located in Section 14, Township 34 South, Range 17 East. It was explained however, that in 1932 there was a building on the lot but it has collapsed and the lot is vacant.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land with a base bid of $400.00 as offered by Mr. Mason. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Richard G. Key and wife for release of oil and mineral reservations in Deed #3495, Pinellas County, involving the following described parcel:

Lot 2, Spring Hill Annex St. Petersburg—Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 16 East,

for which he offers $5.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize release of oil and mineral reservations in Pinellas County Deed #3495 as requested by Mr. Key and wife. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented from several Clerks of the Circuit Courts for cancellation of certificates which had been erroneously certified to the State under Chapter 18296. Information was furnished that the Attorney General's office has recommended that the Trustees disclaim interest in said certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates contained in requests from Calhoun, DeSoto, Gulf, Hernando, Marion, Martin and Sarasota counties covered by the approval of the Attorney General's office. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and necessary and regular expense be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 315.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	225.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Clerk & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk-Bookkeeper	190.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Stenographer	190.00
Southeastern Telephone Company Tallahassee, Florida	5.50
Capital Office Equipment Company Tallahassee, Florida	2.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Company Jacksonville, Florida	73.50
Western Union Telegraph Company Tallahassee, Florida	1.91
TOTAL	$1,105.91

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
March 2, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells reported that at the meeting December 30, 1947, application was presented from Sumter Lowry with offer of $50.00 for purchase of a small island in Citrus County, and the Trustees agreed to advertise the property for objections only. Whereupon, the following notice was published in the Inverness Chronicle on January 15, 22, 29; February 5 and 12, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, January 3rd, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. February 17th, 1948, for the land in CITRUS COUNTY, described as follows:

The small island in the Homosassa River near the North bank opposite Govt. Lot 4, Sec. 36, Township 19 South, Range 16 East, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the SW Corner of Govt. Lot 4, Sec. 36, Twp. 19 South, Rge. 16 East; thence

South in extension of the West boundary of said lot, 630 feet, more or less; thence East, 540 feet, more or less, to a point, which said point is taken as the NW Corner of a rectangle having dimensions 75 feet, East and West, and 50 feet, North and South, the NE Corner of said rectangle is 110 feet, more or less, South of the North shore of the Homosassa River. Within said rectangle is contained the small island known as Bell Island, all in Citrus County.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon reading of the notice there were no objections made and the Land Clerk reported none had been filed in his office, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Lowry at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

At the meeting December 30, 1947, the Trustees considered application from G. W. Scobie, Jr., with offer of $200.00 an acre for Brevard County land, and agreed to advertise the land for objections only. The following notice was published in the Titusville Star Advocate on January 16, 23, 30; February 6 and 13, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, January 2nd, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. February 17th, 1948, for the land in BREVARD COUNTY, described as follows:

A parcel of submerged land 60 feet wide by 1100 feet long lying East of Lots 8 to 10 of Block F, Plat of the City of Titusville, as extended, containing approximately 1½ acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The notice was called out and Mr. Wells reported that no objections had been filed, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Scobie at the price offered for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from W. M. Thompson on behalf of George C. Brown & Company of Greensboro, North Carolina, with offer of $7.00 per cord for uncut and on the ground cedar trees on State owned land in Citrus and Levy counties, the Trustees authorized advertisement of the trees for competitive bidding. The following notice was published in the Inverness Chronicle and the Bronson Journal on January 15, 22, 29; February 5 and 12, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, January 2nd, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building, on February 17th, 1948, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. for a timber lease covering following described lands in CITRUS and LEVY COUNTIES, State of Florida, to-wit:

All usable, uncut and on the ground cedar trees on state owned property.

The successful bidder is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon call for bids, Mr. Thompson, for his client, and Mr. Robert O. Foerster, for his company, competed in bidding resulting in a high bid of $8.00 per cord from Mr. Foerster.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer of $8.00 per cord from Robert O. Foerster Lumber Co., Inc., for the cedar timber described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that the above sales in Citrus, Brevard, and Citrus and Levy counties, were advertised to be held February 17, 1948, but a quorum not being present on that date, parties present were heard, bids received and action deferred until this date.

Pursuant to application from H. H. Cannon submitted to the Trustees January 1, 1948, with offer of $12.50 an acre for Manatee County land, the Trustees authorized the land advertised for competitive bids on this date. The following notice was published in the Bradenton Herald on February 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, January 28th, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. March 2nd, 1948, the land in MANATEE COUNTY described as follows:

SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 27, Township 36 South, Range 21 East.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the sale being called out, the highest bid of $12.75 was made by J. O. Weatherford.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Weatherford for the Manatee County land as advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from John F. Burket, Jr., with offer of $100.00 an acre from Eagle Point, Inc., for the following described land in Sarasota County:

20.7 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland property in Section 6, Township 39 South, Range 19 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Burket's client and make counter proposal to advertise the land for objections only provided applicant will agree to pay $125.00 an acre for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $50.00 annually was presented from A. A. Beck for ten-year (10) grazing lease on the following described land:

10 acres in Sections 3 and 10, Township 41 South, Range 32 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept offer for ten-year grazing lease covering the land applied for by Mr. Beck. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from W. F. Bevis, on behalf of W. R. Robbins, offering $2,500.00 for State land described as

> NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 40 East, containing 40 acres in Broward County,

and also an offer of $45.00 an acre from Floyd Wray for the same land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline the offers of Mr. Bevis and Mr. Wray and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bidding provided either party will agree to bid not less than $100.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $100.00 was made by Bula E. Croker, H. H. Humphries and Sallie Brown for one-year lease to explore for precious metals and stones in the under water areas owned by the State in Bay, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offer be accepted and lease issued for a period of one year. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from Miles Collier, on behalf of The Collier Corporation, with offer of $2,500.00 for 360,000 feet BM of merchantable timber on the following described land:

> Section 31, Township 49 South, Range 31 East, Collier County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to accept $10.00 per thousand feet BM for the timber applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from Dan Kelly of Fernandina, Florida, on behalf of Callahan Chapter of Future Farmers of America, for lease on

> SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 24 East, Containing 80.25 acres in Nassau County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of Callahan Chapter of Future Farmers of America, without consideration. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from C. M. Lawrence, Jr., teacher of Vocational Agriculture, on behalf of Clewiston Chapter of Future Farmers of America, for lease on the following described land to be used for reforestation and conservation:

E 1-2 of SW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 43 South, Range 32 East, Containing 480 acres in Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request and issue lease in favor of Clewiston Chapter of Future Farmers of America. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, by O. E. Frye, Jr., Chief Wild Life Biologist, for permission to control for a period of twenty-five (25) years wildlife resources for public hunting on the following described State land in Levy County, in exchange for fencing and protecting the land during such period:

Sections 4, 8, 14, 17, 22, 23 and 25, Township 16 South, Range 15 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees grant the request made by the Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission under conditions as set forth in the proposal. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that on August 1, 1945, Thomas A. Horobin was granted sand lease #427 covering an area in the Atlantic Ocean East of Virginia and Biscayne Keys in Dade County; that he had paid in the sum of $300.00 on the lease but had been unable to operate owing to objections filed by the City of Miami Beach. Mr. Horobin now requests that this amount be refunded to him; also Aetna Casualty and Surety Company requests confirmation of lease cancellation in order that they may cancel bond filed with Lease #427.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees cancel Lease #427 and authorize refund of $300.00 to Mr. Horobin; that notice be given Aetna Casualty and Surety Company of action taken on this lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was also presented from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin that the Trustees refund $200.00 paid in on sand lease #450 granted to him March 22, 1947, covering the following described land:

> SW 1/4 of Section 23; SE 1/4 of Section 22; NE 1/4 of Section 27; NW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Statement was made that Mr. Horobin has been unable to secure permit from the City of Miami to remove sand under said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request of Mr. Horobin, cancel lease #450 and authorize refund of amount paid on said lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Douglas D. Felix for reduction of 3.68 acres of the submerged land purchased under Contract #19066 comprising 9.8 acres in Dade County, for the reason that the Federal Government will not permit filling of the entire area covered by contract. Purchase was made on the basis of $1,000.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of Mr. Felix for reduction in area. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from M. J. Flipse for reduction of 6.01 acres of submerged land in Dade County purchased under Contract #19067 at a price of $1000.00 an acre, from an original purchase of 18.5 acres, information being that the United States Engineers would not permit filling the total area purchased.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize reduction in acreage of contract #19067 as requested by Mr. Flipse. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Theodore Potts for reduction of 5.25 acres of submerged land in Dade County from an original purchase of 17.2 acres under Contract #19112 at a price of $1000.00 an acre, in view of the fact that the United States Engineers will not permit filling the original area purchased.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize reduction in acreage covered by Contract #19112 as requested by Mr. Potts. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Mrs. Ruth K. Broad for reduction of 30.1 acres of submerged land in Dade County of an original purchase of 63 acres under Contract #19145. Information was furnished that the land desired to be retained in the contract has been bulkheaded and filled but that to be released has not been bulkheaded and filled or otherwise improved.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize Contract #19145 reduced as requested by Mrs. Broad. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, and Mr. Hugh McArthur of Tampa, Florida, presented request from Reicuperi DeAltomare, an Italian Corporation, which is under contract from the Salvage Association of London, England, to raise a sunken ship, the "Ocean Venus", for permit from the State of Florida to operate over Florida waters and such part of the territory in the sea as covers Florida waters.

Mr. McArthur stated that he was appearing on behalf of Admiral Ziroli, U. S. Navy, retired, who represents the Italian corporation known as "Ricalmare"; that the "Ocean Venus" is one of a number of ships owned by Salvage Association of London which are lying on the ocean bed about thirteen (13) miles off-shore from Cape Canaveral.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the matter be referred to Mr. Parker for preparing permit in favor of "Ricalmare". Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that the lists of land owned by the State in the counties located within Everglades Drainage

District are ready for certifying to the District for assessment on the 1948 tax rolls, and that it was necessary to adopt a resolution for that purpose.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and duly carried, that the following resolution be adopted and that certified copy be transmitted to Everglades Drainage District with lists of lands for assessment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are required to ascertain and certify the assessed value of lands of the Internal Improvement Fund within Everglades Drainage District, and the said Trustees having ascertained the assessed valuation of such lands, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the assessed value of lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as ascertained by said Trustees, for the year 1948, be and the same is hereby certified to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District as set forth on the attached lists, as appearing in the column headed DESCRIPTION and the column headed VALUE.

Mr. Elliot submitted as information letter dated February 29, 1948, from Coastal Petroleum Company, giving notice of the spudding in of "Ed C. Wright No. 1 Test Well" located in

SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 30 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County.

Notice was furnished in affidavit form signed by State Geologist Herman Gunter, Julius F. Parker, Ed C. Wright and T. B. Houck.

The notice was ordered filed for record.

Two applications were presented for homestead entry on State owned land in Highlands County. Mr. Elliot reported that all papers were in order and the requirements of Chapter 22860, 1945, had been complied with.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the following applications for homestead:

Cecil W. Womble, Lake Placid, Florida SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, containing 40 acres in Highlands County;

N. B. Cline, Lake Placid, Florida SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, containing 40 acres in Highlands County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. Harry W. Stewart, Jr., of the law firm of Wideman, Wardlaw & Stewart, representing Standard Oil Company and Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, asking for release of reservations in Deed No. 16588 dated May 21, 1923, and issued to W. E. Clark. Statement was made that Lots 78, 79, 80 and 81, Townsite of Belleglade, Palm Beach County, Florida, was now owned by Reidel, Inc., and leased to Standard Oil Company; that Lots 109 and 110, Townsite of Belleglade, Palm Beach County, were now owned by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company; that all of said described parcels are contained in Deed No. 16588 to W. E. Clark.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to quitclaim two reservations contained in Deed No. 16588 in so far as they apply to the lots above described, one having reference to the right of the Trustees to enter upon the land and construct canals, cuts, sluiceways, dikes, etc., and the other reserving to the Trustees a strip of land 130 feet on each side of the center line of any canal, cut, sluiceway or dike that may be made and constructed on said land, but that no release be given as to reservations for oil and mineral rights. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. Dade County
Miami, Fla.
For delinquent E. D. D. taxes.....$ 6.34

Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector, Dade County
Miami, Florida
For 1947 Everglades Dr. Dist. taxes..... 373.69

Superintendent of Documents Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D. C. For 2 editions of 1947 Manual of Instructions for Survey of Public Lands of the U. S.	5.00
Sinclair Wells Tallahassee, Florida For expenses appraising land for Trustees during month of February 1948	190.58
Southeastern Telephone Company Tallahassee, Florida	11.68
Grant Furniture Co., Tallahassee, Florida	82.50
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	.60
J. Alex Arnette, C. C. C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	3.65
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	6.00
Van Brunt & Yon, Tallahassee, Fla.	1.25
Seabrook Hardware Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	6.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster Tallahassee, Florida	15.00
TOTAL	$705.39

Mr. Julius Parker reported as follows:

That the Supreme Court had affirmed the order of the Circuit Court of Dade County in which Attorney General J. Tom Watson was denied the right to intervene in the E. N. Claughton suit to quiet title to Burlingame Island in Dade County, Florida;

That brief of certiorari had been filed with him in the case of J. Tom Watson, Attorney General vs. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, in which suit the Trustees intervened.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that said bids were in order for approval:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Brevard	2/9/48	68
Citrus	2/3/48	2
Citrus	2/16/48	13
Clay	1/15/48	2
Columbia	2/24/48	1
Dade	2/25/48	9

Duval	1/14/48	54
Gadsden	2/3/48	1
Gulf	2/23/48	1
Hamilton	2/9/48	2
Hardee	10/6/47	1
Indian River	2/16/48	3
Jackson	2/23/48	5
Lake	2/9/48	7
Leon	2/6/48	2
Levy	1/19/48	1
Liberty	1/9/48	4
Monroe	2/13/48	145
Orange	2/2/48	1
Osceola	2/23/48	15
Palm Beach	2/13/48	4
Palm Beach	2/13/48	1
Polk	1/30/48	6
Putnam	2/7/48	6
Sarasota	2/20/48	5
Seminole	2/2/48	1
Volusia	2/2/48	23

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Mollie Best for deed to correct description in original Citrus County Deed No. 568. Mr. Elliot reported that issuance of deed had been approved by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of Citrus County Deed No. 568-COR. in favor of Mollie Best for correcting description in original deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Manatee County that the Trustees consider as special cases two applications from J. S. Higgins to purchase Lots 3 and 7, Block "F" of Lamb's Plat of Section 14, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, at less than the base bid, affidavit being furnished that buildings on the property when it was assessed in 1932 have collapsed and the 1942 assessed value is $200.00 and $80.00 respectively.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk to advertise the two parcels referred to with base bids as offered by Mr. Higgins. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $25.00 was presented from the Town of Crestview for purchase of Block "G", Town of Crestview, Okaloosa County, statement being made that the parcel was considered as City property and had not been assessed since 1922.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $25.00 and authorize sale of the block applied for by Town of Crestview, with conveyance under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Robert M. Lancaster for reduction in base bid for the following described parcel of land in Osceola County:

> Lot 2, less South 50 feet, Block "U" W. S. Harwell's Re-Sub. of Blocks "T" and "U", Patrick's addition to Kissimmee.

Information was furnished that since assessment of the property in 1932, an apartment house had been torn down and the land is now vacant and unimproved.

Upon recommendation of the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the lot with base bid of $150.00, in view of the facts submitted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from the Comptroller's office, calling attention to the manner in which Murphy Act sales were handled in Okaloosa County, and explained that he was taking the matter up with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, as Agent for the Trustees, and would report his findings.

State Treasurer Larson called attention to letter he had received from Eugene C. Mitchell, Attorney of Jacksonville, representing Mrs. Maude Elizabeth Miller, requesting release of State road right of way reserved in Duval County Deed No. 913 to Walter Greer conveying the following described land:

Lot 6, Block 21—Panama Park Investment Company's S/D of Panama Park.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to release the right of way reserved in Deed No. 913 upon approval by the State Road Department of such release. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius F. Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, asked that the Trustees determine its policy with reference to certain law suits involving grantees of the Trustees in purchasing Murphy Act land. Mr. Parker explained that in a great many instances it would cost more to defend the suit than is justified by the value of the land and he would like to know if the Trustees desire that he defend all such suits or leave it to the grantees to make the defense.

The Governor suggested that if the Trustees did not defend the suits dangerous law might be established.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the matter be left to the Attorney. Upon vote the motion was adoped.

Mr. Elliot reported that the following transfer was made from funds under Chapter 18296 to General Revenue Fund for the month of February:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue.....$15,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
March 16, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following salaries, special items and necessary and regular expenses be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	$	508.33
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Taxes & Records		225.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes		277.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent		50.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant		350.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney		500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary		235.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney		400.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk		180.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent		50.00
Ruth N. Landers, Maid		20.00
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To Prin. State School Fund under Sec. 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941		14,461.90
Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To State Bd. of Conservation for Oyster Conservation Fund under Chap. 24121 of 1947		572.42
The H. & W. B. Drew Company Jacksonville, Fla.		142.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Company Jacksonville, Fla.		7.72
H. H. Bohler, Tallahassee, Fla. Painting sign		7.00
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County Miami, Florida Recording deed		1.95
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.		1.78
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.		1.50
Thomas H. Horobin, Coral Gables, Fla. Refund Leases 427 and 450		500.00

L. C. Kickliter, Tax Collector Martin County Stuart, Fla. Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1946-47	23.30
Ted Cabot, CCC Broward County Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Delinquent Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1944-45-46	113.69
Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector Dade County Miami, Fla. For Drainage District Taxes for 1947	18.43
R. N. Miller, Tax Collector Hendry County La Belle, Fla. Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes 1946-7	39.30
Clewiston Motor Company, Clewiston, Fla. For Caterpillar Diesel Tractor for Florida State Farm #2—Purchase approved Oct. 28, 1947	7,625.00
Mickler & Mickler St. Augustine, Florida Retainer fee in case of Wilson Cypress Co. vs. Trustees Internal Improvement Fund Fee agreed upon May 15, 1945 5,000.00 Less amount paid 1,500.00	
Balance due	3,500.00
TOTAL	$29,811.82

Financial statements for the month of February 1948 are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of February 1, 1948		$1,193,757.73
Receipts for the Month		
Land Sales	$51,485.04	
Sale of Trustee Minutes	10.00	
Tax Refund	1,091.37	
Everglades Drainage District Tax Refunds	1,243.78	
Interest	16.12	
Fishing Campsites	100.00	
Sale of 40,000 Cubic Yards of Fill	1,400.00	
Turpentine Lease	800.00	
Grazing Lease	60.00	
Miscelleaneous Leases	25.97	
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases	1,362.91	
Timber Leases	1,053.74	

Mineral Lease	25.00	
Total Receipts	58,673.93	58,673.93
TOTAL		1,252,431.66
Less Disbursements for the Month		18,259.16
Balance as of February 28, 1948		1,234,172.50

DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1948

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
2-14-48	162282	The Punta Gorda Herald	$ 25.00
	162283	State Treasurer—Tr. to Prin. State School Fund	11,721.36
	162284	State Treasurer—Tr. to State Board of Conservation	809.55
2-28-48	142362	F. C. Elliot	371.81
	142363	M. O. Barco	163.15
	142364	Jentye Dedge	239.70
	142365	J. B. Lee	19.00
	142366	W. B. Granger	47.50
	142367	A. C. Bridges	278.90
	142368	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	142369	Geraldine Davis	218.70
	142370	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
	142371	Bonnie G. Shelfer	147.80
	142372	Sinclair Wells	47.50
	149708	Ruth N. Landers	32.50
	170976	Jack Culpepper	2,875.42
		5% Retirement Fund	69.17
		Withholding Tax	423.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1948			$18,259.16

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of February 1, 1948	$1,855.00
Receipts for the Month	260.00
Disbursements for the Month	-0-
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1948	$2,115.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of February 1, 1948		$58,015.56
Gross Receipts for the Month	$8,293.96	
Less Returned Check	10.00	
Net Receipts for the Month	$8,283.96	8,283.96

TOTAL	66,299.52
Less Disbursements for the Month	1,105.91
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1948	65,193.61

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1948

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
2-16-48	162937	Southeasern Telephone Co.	$ 5.50
	162938	Capital Office Equipment Co.	2.00
	162939	The H. & W. B. Drew Company	73.50
	162940	The Western Union Telegraph Co.	1.91
2-28-48	142307	Ernest Hewitt	292.60
	142308	J. R. Roberts	198.85
	142309	M. O. Barco	23.75
	142310	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	142311	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	142312	Elizabeth M. Goode	155.90
	142313	Mary Clare Pichard	173.30
		5% Retirement Fund	24.50
		Withholding Tax	78.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1948			$1,105.91

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 315.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	225.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Clerk & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk-Bookkeeper	190.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Secretary	190.00
TOTAL	$1,023.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
March 30, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated December 30, 1947; January 6, 20, 27, February 3, 13; March 2, and 16, 1948, copies of which had been furnished to each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the minutes as presented be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented for confirmation two sales advertised for March 16, but on account of a quorum of the board not being present on that date, bids were received and held until this meeting. Pursuant to action taken February 3, 1948, on application from Clyde McKendree with offer of $12.50 an acre, the Trustees authorized the land advertised for competitive bids and the following notice was published in the Dade City Banner on February 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, February 4th, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. March 16th, 1948, the land in PASCO COUNTY, described as follows:

NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 6, Township 24 South, Range 20 East, containing 40 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, bids were made by Mr. McKendree and Mr. J. M. Nathe, resulting in a high bid of $610.00 from Mr. McKendree.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. McKendree at the price offered—$610.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action taken January 27, 1948, on application from Humble Oil & Refining Company for ten-year oil lease on Collier County land, with offer of $1.00 an acre annually as rental increasing five (5) per cent of the original amount annually after the second year, the following notice was published in the Coller County News of Everglades, Florida, and in the Daily Democrat of Tallahassee, Florida, February 12, 19, 26, and March 4 and 11, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, January 28th, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and will receive competitive sealed bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building on or before March 16, 1948, at 11 o'clock A. M., for an oil and gas lease covering the following described lands in Collier County, Florida, to-wit:

Township 48 South, Range 29 East

Section 31: All of said section, less and except the NE/4 and the NE/4 of the NW/4 thereof.

Section 32: All of the S/2 of said section, less and except the NW/4 of the SE/4 and the NE/4 of the SW/4 thereof.

Township 48 South, Range 30 East

The W/2 of Section 25 and all of Section 35.

Said Trustees have determined that the lease shall require royalty payments of 1/8 in kind or in value and the amount of $1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor. All bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for the amount of such cash consideration. Copies of the lease to be offered for sale are available to the general public at the office of said Trustees in the Capitol Building at Tallahassee, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Chapter 22824, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945.

Said Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, this 27th day of January, 1948.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary
Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The land was called out and the only bid received for the lease was from Humble Oil & Refining Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that lease be authorized in favor of applicant at the rental offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of $100.00 from William S. Irvine, Jr., Miami, Florida, for a parcel of land located on the extreme north end of Virginia Key, described as:

Lot 1, Section 9, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from M. E. Weimer of New Smyrna, Florida, with offer of $100.00 an acre for purchase of

2.85 acres of submerged land in Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County,

said parcel being adjacent to his upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on offer from Mr. Weimer. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $25.00 an acre was presented from W. Curry Harris of Key West, Florida, on behalf of Abe Wolkoff and wife, for purchase of

6.15 acres of bay bottom land adjacent to upland property in Lot 1, Block 60—Stock Island—Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer and make counter proposal to advertise the parcel for objections only provided Mr. Harris will agree to pay $100.00 an acre for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $3000.00 was submitted from Eagle Docks & Warehouse, Inc., of Miami, Florida, for fifteen (15) year lease on the following described land:

2 acres in the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to issue ten-year lease on the property applied for upon payment of $3,300.00 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from J. M. Couse of Moore Haven, Florida, with offer of $150.00 for purchase of the following described parcel:

E-3/4 of Block 167, City of Moore Haven, Florida, Containing approximately 3 acres in Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for bids provided applicant will agree to pay $100.00 an acre for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from J. M. Couse, on behalf of client, with offer of $50.00 an acre for

Sovereignty bay bottom land in Section 24, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, Containing approximately 15 acres in Glades County, located about 8 miles southeast of Moore Haven,

and offer of $50.00 an acre from Harry P. Johnson to purchase 5 acres of the above described tract.

Mr. Wells reported that he was informed a road would soon be provided, running north toward the dike and fronting the property applied for.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for bids provided applicant agrees to bid not less than $100.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from John A. Hall of Clewiston, Florida, with offer of $1.00 an acre for five-year grazing lease covering the following described land:

20 acres in Blocks 60 and 61, Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize five-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Hall covering the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $25.00 annually was presented from J. E. Shannon of St. Augustine, Florida, for ten-year lease on the following described land:

20 acres in Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 29 East, St. Johns County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance of farm lease in favor of Mr. Shannon on the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees deny request from James A. Franklin of Fort Myers, Florida, that his client, Mrs. Irene Sutton, be not required to pay advertising cost in connection with sale of Lee County land on Pine Island fill, for the reason that the advertisement carried notice that successful bidder would pay advertising costs. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented request from Judge C. E. Chillingworth of West Palm Beach, Florida, that the Trustees issue to him a sovereignty quit claim deed to

> Lot 7, Section 7; Lots 11 and 12, Section 8; Lots 9 and 10, Section 17; and Lots 3 and 4, Section 18, Township 41 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County,

which land was deeded to him by the State Board of Education in Deed No. 4316 dated April 15, 1947.

It was explained that Judge Chillingworth felt there might be some question as to whether or not this land could be classed as sovereignty.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of Judge Chillingworth and issue deed to the land described.

Letter was presented from C. Harold Hippler, on behalf of the City of Eustis, Florida, asking for permission to remove fill material from Lake Eustis and place on an unsaintary area of city owned property within the city limits.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the City of Eustis to remove the necessary fill material from the lake provided it will be placed on city owned property. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of fifty cents (50c) an acre annually was presented from H. S. Watkins of St. Petersburg, Florida, for lease on the following described property:

Lot 1 of Section 27 and Lot 1 of Section 28, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

The purpose of the lease is to propagate marine life.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize five-year lease at the rental offered, covering the land described but without option for renewal at the expiration of five years. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented from the State Road Department for permission to dredge certain areas in Dade County as follows for use in connection with State Road A-1-A—Section 8706—SRD No. 22 and No. 23:

Five-Year easement to dredge from a parcel of submerged land in Sections 23 and 26, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, adjacent to channel of Intracoastal Waterway;

Three-year easement to dredge from a parcel of submerged land in Section 23, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, adjacent to existing channel of Intracoastal Waterway.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of the State Road Department and authorize issuance of easements as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented request from Coastal Petroleum Company for permission to assign to Sun Oil Company of Dallas, Texas, the following described lands covered in Lease No. 224-B;

NE 1/4 of Section 20, Township 29 South, Range 16 East;

Sections 4 and 5, Township 29 South, Range 17 East;

Sections 19 and 31, Township 29 South, Range 18 East;

Section 2, Township 30 South, Range 17 East;
N 1/2 of Section 8, Township 30 South, Range 17 East;

Section 31, Township 30 South, Range 18 East;
Section 25, Township 31 South, Range 17 East;
All in Hillsborough County, Florida.

It was explained that Sun Oil Company had contributed toward the drilling of Coastal's well on Drilling Block No. 5 and assignment of the above described land was requested under provisions of Paragraph No. 13 of Lease No. 224-B.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve assignment of the area described as requested by Coastal Petroleum Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from W. F. Bevis, on behalf of W. R. Robbins, asking for reconsideration of his offer of $2500.00 for the following described parcel:

> NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 40 East, Containing 40 acres in Broward County,

the Trustees having recently declined to accept less than $100.00 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for sale subject to competitive bidding, information having been furnished that other parties are interested in this property. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that recently the Trustees directed that Sections 4, 8, 14, 17, 22, 23 and 25, Township 16 South, Range 15 East, in Levy County could be used by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission until such time and as the State desired to sell the property; that the Department is now requesting that the Trustees grant permission to use these lands for twenty-five years, with the understanding that there will be no sales made during that time.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize fifty-year (50) lease without cost, in favor of the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, or as an alternative that the land be offered to the Commission at a price of $36.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Mr. Willis G. Waldo, representing Florida Ramie Products, Inc., that the Trustees allow three-months extension in making payment on Con-

tract No. 18986 covering land in Palm Beach County located in Sections 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 15, 17, 21 and 22, Township 43 South, Range 39 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request from Mr. Waldo and extend time for making payment on Contract No. 18986. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented application from Carter B. Cook with offer of $50.00 annually for lease covering a small island located approximately three thousand (3000) feet off Over-Seas Highway right of way in:

Latitude 24° 41' 06" North
Longitude 81° 11' 22" West
Approximately 3000 feet Southeasterly from Overseas Highway in Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize five-year fishing camp lease covering the island applied for at a yearly rental of $50.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Lawrence E. Ford, Jr., of Lake Placid, Florida, for homestead entry on the following described State owned land:

NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 11, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, Containing 40 acres in Highlands County, Florida.

Information was furnished that the necessary affidavits as to character of the land as well as other information required have been filed with the Trustees and that the application is in order for action.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve homestead entry in favor of Mr. Ford and authorize execution of the instrument. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from the Town of Palm Beach, Florida, for permit to remove fill material from Lake Worth for improvement, restoration and maintenance of the beach along the Atlantic shore at Palm Beach, Florida, for the public streets and highways along said shore, and other public facilities on or adjacent to said beach.

Mr. Elliot explained the conditions of the proposed permit, the area from which the fill would be taken—submerged bottoms of Lake Worth east of Intracoastal Waterway channel between the projected north limits of the town of Palm Beach and the center line of Palm Beach canal projected east—excavation limits for protecting the shore, island, bridges and causeways and limiting material to be taken to two and one-half (2½) million cubic yards, requirement for securing permit from the U. S. Department of the Army, authorizing no invasion of private rights nor impairment of public rights to free use of the waters of Lake Worth, providing that the material shall not be disposed of for money or applied to private purposes, conveying no property rights, and provision for holding the Trustees harmless on account of anything arising from the permit.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of the permit as presented by Mr. Elliot, without cost to the Town of Palm Beach. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees March 2, 1948, on application from Admiral H. W. Ziroli (Retired), on behalf of Compagnia Reicuperi Alto Mare (Ricalmare), an Italian Corporation, for permission to salvage the sunken British vessel OCEAN VENUS, Mr. Elliot presented proposed permit giving permission for the salvage in so far as the interest of the State of Florida is concerned. He explained the conditions of the permit substantially as follows:

> Permit to convey no title in property but gives consent only in so far as the interest of the Trustees may appear.
>
> Authorizes no invasion of private rights or of any nation or agency having equity or claim in the vessel.
>
> Permit conditioned upon securing such authorization from the United States as may be required.
>
> Provision for holding the Trustees harmless on account of anything arising out of the permit.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of the permit as presented by Mr. Elliot and approved by Mr. Julius Parker.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented the following offers for Sarasota County land, title to which came to the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572 of 1929—the Tax Foreclosure Act —and recommended acceptance of said offers as they are all in excess of the foreclosure amounts:

Clyde H. Wilson—
Lots 9 and 11, Block "C'—DeSoto Park.....500.00
Lot 7, Block 15—Plat of Sarasota.....350.00 (Offer Withdrawn)

and

Searcy G. Koen—
Lots 4 and 5, Block 28—Sarasota Beach
50 x 96 feet.....225.00
Lot 19, Block 8—Sarasota Beach—
50 x 120 feet.....112.50

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids as listed from Mr. Wilson and Mr. Koen and authorize execution of deeds in favor of each party. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Attorney for the Trustees, explained a proposal Everglades Drainage District desired to make asking permission to make the Trustees parties to suits for the purpose of removing from along the canal banks of South Miami Canal structures placed there by private individuals. Mr. Manley Caldwell, Attorney for Everglades Drainage District, explained that several years ago the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund transferred title to lands along the canals in the District; that the District filed suit to eject parties having structures on the canal banks but the Circuit Court dismissed the suit because of lack of authority on the part of the District.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that consideration of the matter be postponed for sixty (60) days and that Mr. Elliot be requested to make a trip down to the canal and report back to the Trustees the situation as he finds it. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Mr. W. H. Cates, on behalf of clients John M. Burdine, Mrs. Adelle Burdine and Roy Burgess, to lease a strip of land lying between Tea Table Key bridge and Indian Key bridge—Section 11, Township 64 South, Range 36 East, containing three-fourths (3/4) of an acre in Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize ten-year lease in favor of applicants at a yearly rental of $200.00 conditioned that the area be used for private purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the following bill be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant in payment therefor:

Sinclair Wells
Tallahassee, Fla.
For expenses incurred as land appraiser.....$142.95

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids are regular in all respects and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	2/18/48	10
Bay	3/3/48	15
Clay	3/6/48	4
Dade	2/25/48	45
Dade	3/10/48	19
Dixie	3/22/48	1
Escambia	3/5/48	10
Flagler	3/1/48	2
Franklin	12/8/47	3
Franklin	2/9/48	2
Hardee	1/5/48	3
Hillsborough	3/2/48	82
Indian River	3/22/48	4
Jackson	3/1/48	1
Liberty	2/20/48	4
Manatee	3/5/48	5
Marion	3/1/48	2
Martin	3/10/48	37
Nassau	3/8/48	58
Okaloosa	12/6/43	1
Okaloosa	1/6/47	9
Okaloosa	5/5/47	15
Okaloosa	10/25/47	11
Okaloosa	2/21/48	7
Orange	3/1/48	1
Osceola	3/15/48	21

Palm Beach	3/12/48	4
Pasco	3/1/48	7
Pinellas	3/9/48	63
Pinellas	3/16/48	1
Putnam	2/7/48	1
Putnam	3/6/48	4
St. Johns	2/18/48	8
Sarasota	3/3/48	20
Sarasota	3/22/48	28
Sumter	3/22/48	6
Taylor	3/19/48	2
Volusia	3/1/48	26

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented from holders of Murphy Act deeds to lands in Dade, Hillsborough, Palm Beach, Pinellas and St. Lucie counties, requesting release of State road right of ways through the respective parcels. Mr. Elliot reported that the State Road Department had recommended releases in the cases presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve execution of the following deeds releasing road right of ways as recommended by the State Road Department:

Dade County Q. C. Deed No. 2228 to Lawrence Stepp and Nilah B. Stepp;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 08-Chap. 21684 to Susan F. Porterfield;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 4836 to Paul H. Herndon, Jr.;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 3620 to C. N. Meador and C. O. Meador;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 3923 to William Herrman;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 3083 to William P. Layton;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 08-Chap. 21684 to William P. Layton;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 3476 to Albert Turner and Alma B. Turner;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 2838 to John A. Diaz;
Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 429 to Paul Game and Mary E. Game;
Palm Beach County Q. C. Deed No. 998 to Thomas A. Schroeder;
Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 2327 to George A. Wilson and Dorothy P. Wilson;
Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 2195 to J. L. Lance;
St. Lucie County Q. C. Deed No. 202 to Frank Evans.

Request was submitted from Jerome Osborne for release of State Road right of way and oil and mineral reservations reserved in Citrus County Deed No. 490.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve release of road right of way as recommended by the State Road Department and authorize execution of Citrus County Q. C. Deed No. 490 to Jerome Osborne and Nell O. Osborne, but decline to release oil and mineral reservations as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented applications for correction and duplicate deeds involving land heretofore conveyed, explaining that the Attorney General's office had approved issuance of the deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve execution of the following deeds:

Correction Deeds—
Broward County Deed No. 869-COR. to Beatrice H. Greaves, Helen Warner and Florence Hadfield, as Trustees for the property of Trelawney Properties, Inc., for correcting name of grantee; and
Dade County Deed No. 1942-COR. to John Howard Lockhart and Zoda R. Lockhart, his wife, for correcting land description.

Duplicate Deeds—
Palm Beach County Deed No. 3508-A to Claudia Bass Street—Original deed lost before recording; and
Polk County Deeds No. 217-A and No. 378-A to C. H. Race—Original deeds lost before recording.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered executed.

Homestead application was presented from W. C. Fresh, Sr., covering Murphy Act land in Brevard County. Mr. Elliot reported that the law had been complied with and all necessary information filed, including affidavits from the Clerk of the Circuit Court and the County Agent as well as evidence of the veteran's eligibility for making the application.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve homestead entry as follows:

> W. C. Fresh, Sr., Titusville, Florida
> NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, containing 40 acres in Brevard County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the application ordered executed by the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot reported that he had authorized the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, as Agent for the Trustees, to withdraw from sale the following described land advertised to be sold March 30, 1948, the applicant to purchase having made such request:

> W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 North of road in Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 1 West, containing 6 acres in Gadsden County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve action taken by Mr. Elliot in authorizing withdrawal from sale of the parcel described.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Dade County Board of Public Instruction for conveyance of the following described parcel which has been considered property of the school board since issuance of a tax deed in 1932:

> Lots 1 to 10, Incl., Washington Park, Dade County, Florida.

Mr. Elliot reported that the lots were certified to the State under the Murphy Act—Certificates issued in 1932 and 1933 with an assessed value of $100.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943, of the lots described, in favor of Dade County Board of Public Instruction for educational purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from J. D. Carroll with offer of $1000.00 for

> Approximately 530 lots in Beach Haven tract—Sections 35/54, Township 2 South, Ranges 30 and 31 East—Part of Pablo Graupera Grant—Containing 80 acres in Escambia County.

Mr. Elliot explained that in 1932 the lots were assessed on the basis of $20.00 per lot, which is slightly in excess of the offer made but since a majority of the lots are described as being in a low area, he would recommend that the Clerk be allowed to advertise the lots based on the offer from Mr. Carroll, conditioned that bids be received on the tract as a whole and then offered as separate lots, or groups of lots, it being understood that the separate or group bids will have to exceed the bid on the tract as a whole.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the lots with base bid of $1000.00 and sale to be conducted as recommended by Mr. Elliot. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $3000.00 was presented from L. E. Wadsworth for Flagler County land the base bid of which, according to the 1932 assessed value, would be $3,642.50. Applicant verbally agreed that he would pay $10.00 an acre for the land described as:

> 803 lots comprising 328 acres in Town of DuPont, Gilmore S/D; Flagler on 2-Dixie's Units 2 and 3; Lake View Heights S/D and Daytona Kings Park S/D.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised with a base bid of $10.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from G. W. Barnes with offer of $5.00 for Murphy Act land in Manatee County. State-

ment was made that in 1932 the property was assessed as improved with a value of $200.00 but the lot is now vacant with no improvements.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of

Lot 92, Block "B"—Replat of Perry Park—Section 31, Township 34 South, Range 18 East,

with a base bid of $15.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to release oil and mineral reservations in Polk County Deed No. 3282 of 1947, issued in favor of International Mineral & Chemical Corporation. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented from several Clerks of the Circuit Courts for cancellation of certificates under the Murphy Act. Mr. Elliot reported that the Attorney General's office had examined the requests and recommended that the Trustees disclaim interest in said certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees disclaim interest in those certain certificates approved by the Attorney General's office for which application was made by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts in Brevard, Calhoun, Duval, Hillsborough, Marion and Taylor counties. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer to be made to General Revenue from funds under Chapter 18296 for the month of March, 1948:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For Transfer to General Revenue.....$15,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
April 13, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Wells reported that four (4) sales were advertised to be held April 6, 1948, but a quorum not being present on that date bids and offers were received and held pending action at a later date on the following sales in Hendry, Dade, Hillsborough and Brevard Counties:

Pursuant to application from J. C. Jackman of Clewiston, Florida, with offer of $8.00 an acre for Hendry County land, the Trustees on February 13, 1948, agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids and the following notice was published in the Hendry County News, LaBelle, Florida, on February 27, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, February 18th, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 6th, 1948, the land in HENDRY COUNTY, described as follows:

SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 33 East.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, the only offer received was $8.00 an acre from Mr. Jackman.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Jackman for Hendry County land described in the notice. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from A. W. Hoover on behalf of A. G. Hoffman, presented to the Trustees February 13, 1948, with offer of $10.00, the Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only and the following notice was published in the Miami Herald, Miami, Florida, on February 27, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, February 19th, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 6th, 1948, for the land in DADE COUNTY, described as follows:

A strip of land eight feet wide bordering upon the Eastward or bay side of Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, San Marco Island, as described in Plat Book 9, Page 21, of the Records of Dade County, Florida.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, no objections were presented or filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale of the Dade County land be confirmed in favor of A. G. Hoffman. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from D. Wallace Fields, on behalf of Bay Point Park, Inc., presented to the Trustees February 13, 1948, with offer of $100.00 an acre for Hillsborough County land, the land was ordered advertised for objections only and the following notice was published in the Tampa Tribune on February 27, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, February 18th, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 6th, 1948, the land in HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, described as follows:

From the Southwest Corner of Section 12, Township 29 South, Range 17 East run East on a straight course from the Southwest Corner of Sec. 12 toward the SE Corner of Sec. 12 a distance of 521.4 feet to the Meander or Traverse Line forming the Southern boundary of Govt. Lot 4 of said Sec. 12; run thence North 25° East a distance of 44.83 feet along said Traverse Line to a Point of Beginning on the Northern Right-of-Way Line of Davis Causeway; run thence North 25° East along said Traverse Line a distance of 450.17 feet; run thence North 61° East along said Traverse Line 1254.0 feet; run thence South 87° 15' East along said Traverse Line 828.84 feet to the East boundary of Govt. Lot 3, Sec. 12, Township 29 South, Range 17 East; run thence South 0° 11' East on said East boundary of Govt. Lot 3, Section 12, Township 29 South, Range 17 East, a distance of 100.13 feet; thence North 87° 15' West 805.51 feet; thence South 61° West 1193.06 feet; thence South 25° West 372.0 feet to the North Right-of-Way Line of Davis Causeway

said line being fifty feet north of center line of pavement of Davis Causeway; thence North 89° 33' West 109.94 feet along said North right-of-way line to Point of Beginning; said tract containing 5.68 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out and objections filed by the State Road Department to the sale. Mr. Wells reported that since April 6th, he had worked out with applicant and objector the differences, and a modified description acceptable to both parties had been agreed upon for deed, which description was contained in that advertised.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale be confirmed, according to modified description, in favor of Bay Point Park, Inc., at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action taken January 27, 1948, on application from Noah B. Butt, Attorney for Canaveral Port Authority, the Trustees agreed to advertise for objections only Brevard County land and the following notice was published in The Star Advocate, Titusville, Florida, on February 27, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, February 12, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 6th, 1948, for the land in BREVARD COUNTY, described as follows:

Commence at the Southwest Corner of Section 10, Township 24 South, Range 37 East; thence go south along Section line dividing Sections 15 and 16 of said township and range for a distance of 720 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue S. along said section line for a distance of 600 feet; thence go East and parallel to the south line of Section 10 aforesaid to the Meander Line of the U. S. Survey at the east shore of Banana River; thence follow said Meander Line in a northeasterly direction to a point which measured at right angles would be 720 feet south of Section 10, aforesaid; thence west and parallel to the South line of said Section 10 to to the point of beginning, and containing 66 acres, more or less.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, no objections were filed or presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale to Canaveral Port Authority at a price of one dollar ($1.00) per acre, the land to be used for port purposes and public use. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from T. Noble Brown of Webster, Florida, offering $400.00 for the

SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, Containing 40 acres in Sumter County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Brown. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $15.00 annual rental was presented from N. T. Griffin, Jacksonville, Florida, for lease on a small island in Crescent Lake, Putnam County, containing about one and one-half acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer and make counter proposal to grant five-year lease in favor of Mr. Griffin, on the island referred to, upon payment of $30.00 annual rental. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $5.00 an acre was presented from Lloyd M. Hicks, on behalf of J. B. Singletary, for the following described land:

> NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 36 South, Range 21 East, containing 40 acres in Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided applicant agrees to offer not less than $12.50 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Arthur W. Newell, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, with offer of $300.00 an acre for a parcel of Orange County land adjacent to upland property of the County, described as:

> .028 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 10 in Harney Homestead Subdivsion, between the East boundary of Wallace Street and the present water line of Lake Conway, the North line of said parcel being 80 feet long and the Southeasterly line being 150 feet from the point of beginning to the water's edge.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only based on offer from the County Commissioners of Orange County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from C. W. O'Berry and Everett Boney that the Trustees extend their grazing

lease No. 408 for an additional three (3) years, said lease covering 735.34 acres of land in Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to extend the lease at the same rental price and make counter proposal to authorize extension for three years with annual rental of fifty cents (50c) an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from George F. Collins of Lake Placid, Florida, for homesteading the following land under the provisions of Chapter 22860, Acts of 1945:

> SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 11, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, containing 40 acres in Highlands County.

It was explained that the application was in order, the law and the requirements of the Trustees having been complied with.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve Homestead Entry in favor of Mr. Collins as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. Evans Crary, representing Walter O. Johns, for additional extension of one year from March 1, 1948, in making payment of balance due on his contract for purchase of

> Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Township 38 South, Range 39 East, Martin County.

It was explained that an extension of six months was given Mr. Johns on September 1, 1947, and the extension now being asked would defer the payment of principal—$3,870.46—plus interest of $348.34 to March 1, 1949. Mr. Elliot recommended that extension be allowed upon payment in advance of all interest to the extended date requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees allow extension requested upon payment of interest in advance as recommended by Mr. Elliot. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Stephen C. O'Connell of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Attorney for Larry Winkelhake, that the Trustees execute disclaimer in the suit designated:

Larry Winkelhake, et al, Complainants

-vs-

Frank Huss and Elizabeth Huss, his wife, et al., Defendants

for the purpose of disclaiming any right, title or interest in a parcel of land adjacent to right of way reserved by the Trustees for use in connection with South New River Canal.

Information was furnished by Mr. O'Connell that the street sought to be vacated abuts on the strip of land originally reserved by the State as right of way for a canal but is now being occupied by the canal and a State road, the parcel sought to be released being in Tract 50, Section 27, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of disclaimer in the above styled cause, except as to such land, if there be any, as comprises the right of way of South New River Canal within one hundred and thirty (130) feet of the center line of said canal. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, reported that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Henry Dubbin, representing Georgia Marine Salvage Co., of Brunswick, Georgia, requesting an early appointment with the Trustees to submit a proposal for salvaging about eight ships sunk during the war supposedly within the territorial waters of the State of Florida.

Mr. Parker was instructed to notify Mr. Dubbin that the Trustees would be glad to have him come before the board at the first meeting when a majority of the membership could be present. It was so ordered.

List of salaries and necessary and regular expenses were presented by the Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following items be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 508.33
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Taxes & Records	225.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	277.00

W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	350.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	235.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney	400.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	180.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	50.00
Ruth N. Landers, Maid	20.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To Principal of State School Fund under Sections 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941	11,731.52
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To State Board of Conservation for Oyster Conservation Fund under Chap. 24121 of 1941	1,526.85
TOTAL	$16,053.70

Financial statements for the month of March, 1948, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of March 1, 1948		$1,234,172.50
Recepits for the Month		
Land Sales	$21,137.61	
Interest on Contracts	270.85	
Refund of Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes	64.64	
Sale of Trustees Minutes	3.00	
Refund for Carbon Paper Coupons Returned	1.50	
Miscellaneous Leases	254.12	
Mineral Lease	25.00	
Sand & Shell Leases	2,103.31	
Grazing Leases	364.75	
Timber Leases	2,033.46	
Oil Lease	27,048.00	
Exploration Lease for Precious Metals & Stones under water—Bay to Escambia counties, inclusive	100.00	
Total Receipts	53,406.24	53,406.24
TOTAL		1,287,578.74
Less Disbursements for the Month		35,635.90
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1948		$1,251,942.84

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1948

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
3-3-48	175696	Sinclair Wells	$ 190.58
3-4-48	176652	Southeastern Telephone Co.	11.68
	176653	Grant Furniture Company	82.50
	176654	Capitol Office Equipment Co.	3.00
	176655	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	.60
	176656	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	3.65
	176657	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	6.00
	176658	Van Brunt & Yon	1.25
	176659	Seabrook Hardware Company	6.00
	176660	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	176661	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	6.34
	176662	Earnest Overstreet, TC	373.69
	176663	Supt. of Documents, Govt. Printing Office	5.00
3-17-48	188016	Thos. H. Horobin	500.00
3-18-48	189037	The H. & W. B. Drew Company	7.72
	189038	H. H. Bohler	7.00
	189039	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	1.95
	189040	Western Union Telegraph Co.	1.78
	189041	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.50
	189042	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	142.00
	189043	State Treasurer Transfer to State School Fund	14,461.90
	189044	State Treasurer Transfer to State Bd. Conservation for Oyster Conservation Fund	572.42
3-20-48	191178	L. C. Kickliter, TC	23.30
	191179	Ted Cabot, CCC	113.69
3-23-48	192415	Clewiston Motor Company	7,625.00
3-31-48	171302	F. C. Elliot	371.81
	171303	M. O. Barco	163.15
	171304	Jentye Dedge	239.70
	171305	W. B. Granger	47.50
	171306	A. C. Bridges	278.90
	171307	Julius Parker	433.40
	171308	Geraldine Davis	218.70
	171309	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
	171310	Bonnie G. Shelfer	147.80
	171311	Sinclair Wells	47.50
	171314	Ruth N. Landers	20.00
	198100	Sinclair Wells	142.95
	198101	Mickler & Mickler	3,500.00
	198102	Earnest Overstreet, TC	18.43
	198103	R. N. Miller, TC	39.80

182050	State Treasurer Transfer 3% to General Revenue	4,975.84
	5% Retirement Fund	68.17
	Withholding Tax	423.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1948		$35,635.90

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of March 1, 1948	$2,115.00
Receipts for the Month	1,250.00
Disbursements for the Month	-0-
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1948	3,365.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of March 1, 1948	$65,193.61
Receipts for the Month	17,044.94
TOTAL	82,238.55
Less Disbursements for the Month	31,023.00
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1948	51,215.55

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1948

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
3-2-48	174628	State Treasurer, Transfer to General Revenue	$15,000.00
3-31-48	167990	Ernest Hewitt	292.60
	167991	J. R. Roberts	198.85
	167992	M. O. Barco	23.75
	167993	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	167994	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	167995	Elizabeth M. Goode	155.90
	167996	Mary Clare Pichard	173.30
	197296	State Treasurer, transfer to General Revenue	15,000.00
		5% Retirement Fund	24.50
		Withholding Tax	78.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1948			$31,023.00

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that said bids were regular in all respects and were submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Bay	4/5/48	10
Escambia	4/7/48	10
Flagler	4/5/48	16
Hendry	3/29/48	8
Hillsborough	4/5/48	16
Lake	3/8/48	31
Marion	4/5/48	7
Orange	4/5/48	22
Pasco	4/5/48	11
Pinellas	3/23/48	198
St. Johns	3/16/48	21
Seminole	3/29/48	11
Volusia	4/5/48	24

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented the following deeds for correcting erroneous description contained in original deeds heretofore issued, with information that the Attorney General's office had approved issuance of the deeds:

Broward County Deed No. 1240-COR. to Mid Century Investment Company, a Florida corporation;

Broward County Deed No. 1273-COR. to Bruce B. Blount;

Lee County Deed No. 648-COR. to Cabana City Corporation, a Florida corporation;

Lee County Deed No. 675-COR. to Cabana City Corporation, a Florida corporation;

Palm Beach County Deed No. 3453-COR. to W. S. Carper.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize issuance of the deeds listed for the purpose of correcting erroneous description in original deeds. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented for release of State road right of way in deeds heretofore issued with information that the State Road Department had approved releases requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing the road right of way as approved by the State Road Department:

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 2341 to Antonina Tomasino Andina;

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 902 to Alex Stachon and Sophia Stachon, his wife.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land in Lake County designated as follows:

Through Lots 7 and 8, Block "A" of Hansons Addition No. 2, containing 850 square feet;
Parcel in NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 19 South, Range 24 East.

The area to be occupied by the State Road Department lies South of and within fifty (50) feet of the Survey Line of State Road #44, Section 1101—SRD. #99.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deed in favor of the State Road Department covering right of way described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from M. H. Peterson that the Trustees issue quitclaim deed in his favor conveying the following described land in Sumter County:

Fractional SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 20 East.

It was explained that through error the Trustees had conveyed said land in 1946 as being in Hernando County, and Mr. Peterson desired deed correctly describing the land as being in Sumter County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees execute quitclaim deed conveying land in Sumter County as requested by Mr. Peterson. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $7.50 was presented from Henary County for conveyance of the following described parcel:

> Approximately 7 1/2 acres of land in Section 10, Township 43 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County.

It was explained that the tract comprises Hendry County cemetery at Denaud, Florida, and the County is offering one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value for deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize sale of the cemetery tract to Hendry County, conveyance to be under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, without advertisement and public sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Taylor County for cancellation of certificate which was omitted when other certificates covering the same property were delivered to purchaser under the Murphy Act prior to June 9, 1939.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Certificate No. 392 of 1921—Taylor County—for the reason that the certificate vested no title in the State. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

List of salaries and necessary and regular expense under Chapter 18296 was presented for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following items be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 315.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	225.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Clerk & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk-Bookkeeper	190.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Secretary	190.00
J. F. Cochran, Tallahassee, Fla., Postmaster	50.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	6.75
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	1.68
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	.46
TOTAL	$1,081.89

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
May 6, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol:

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Three sales were presented that had been postponed—two from April 20 and one from May 4—until a quorum of the Trustees could take action, no meeting having been held on the dates advertised. The following were presented for confirmation:

Pursuant to application from T. W. Conely, Jr., with offer of $50.00 an acre, the following notice was published in the Okeechobee News on March 19, 26, April 2, 9 and 16, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, March 17th, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 20th, 1948, the land in OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, described as follows:

Approximately 20 acres of land lying South of Government Lot 2, Section 35, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, between Hancock Meander Line and the Seventeen Foot Water Level of Lake Okeechobee, less State Road Right-of-Way of approximately 3 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented on date the land was advertised for sale, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer from Mr. Conely be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Sarasota County land applied for by John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of Eagle Point, Inc., with offer of $125.00 an acre, was ordered advertised for objections only and the following notice was published in the Sarasota Herald, Sarasota, Florida, on March 22, 29, April 5, 12 and 19, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, March 19, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 20th, 1948, for the land in SARASOTA COUNTY, described as follows:

Begin at an iron pipe on the South line of Section 6, Township 39 South, Range 19 East, where it intersects the West right-of-way line of the old S. A. L. RR; thence S. 10° 30' West, 468.7 feet; thence S. 86° West, 261 feet to a point of beginning; thence S. 87° 20' West, 1308 feet; thence N. 56° West, 50 feet; thence N. 34° 445 feet; thence N. 0° 35' West, 1499.5 feet; thence N. 53° East, 600 feet; thence S. 32° 45' East, 1110 feet, more or less to meander line; thence follow the said meander of Venice Bay southwesterly and south-

easterly around Eagle Point to the east right of way line of U. S. Highway #41; thence Southerly along said right-of-way to the point of beginning, and containing 20.7 acres, less the right-of-way of U. S. Highway #41.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertisement cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Information was furnished that on the date the land was advertised to be sold, objections were filed by J. E. Bartlett & Sons, Inc., to sale of that part of the land located in Section 7 of Township 39 South, Range 19 East, and agreement was reached between the interested parties that land in Section 7 would be eliminated from the sale. Confirmation was requested of sale of the land located in Section 6 only.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Eagle Point, Inc., of land in Section 6, Township 39 South, Range 19 East, at a price of $125.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Based on application from M. E. Weimer, with offer of $100.00 an acre, the Trustees on March 30, 1948, authorized Volusia County land advertised for sale and the following notice was published in the News Journal, Daytona Beach, Florida, on April 4, 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, April 1, 1948

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 4th, 1948, the land in VOLUSIA COUNTY, described as follows:

2.85 acres of marsh land in front of and adjoining Lot 3, in the unsurveyed portion of Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 33 East.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out in the Board room on May 4, no objections were filed to sale and confirmation was held till this date.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Weimer at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented for homestead entry under provisions of Chapter 22860 of 1945, involving State owned land in Highlands County, and information was furnished that all papers are in proper form and the law complied with.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the following applications for homestead entries:

N. C. White, Lake Placid, Florida
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, Containing 40 acres;

W. R. Edgemon, Lake Placid, Florida
S 1/2 of S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, Containing 40 acres.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $1200.00 was presented from Searcy G. Koen of Sarasota, Florida, for purchase of the following described land, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572 of 1929:

Lots 33 and 35, Block "D"—Court House Sub., Sarasota County.

Information was furnished that the offer is equal to the appraised value and in excess of amount of the decree.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Koen for the lots described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Parks, Sanders & McEwan, representing Angebilt Holding Company, for issuance of quit claim deed by the Trustees involving the following described land in Orange County, Florida:

Angebilt Addition No. 1—Plat Book "H", Page 79 Lot 12, Block 6; Lots 12 and 13, Block 17; Lots 1 and 24, Block 26; Lots 12 and 13, Block 27; Lots 12 and 13, Block 34; Lots 1 and 24, Block 35; Lots 1 and 24, Block 38; Lot 13, Block 46; Lot 24, Block 47; Lot 24, Block 50; Lots 12 and 13, Block 51; Lot 12, Block 61; Lots 1 and 24, Block 62; Lot 1, Block 65.

Angebilt Addition No. 2, Plat Book "J", Page 124 Lot 13, Block 76; Lot 13, Block 78; Lots 1 and 23, Block 79; Lot 23, Block 81; Lots 12 and 13, Block 82; Lots 12 and 13, Block 83; Lots 1 and 24, Block 84; Lot 24, Block 87; Lot 11, Block 96; Lot 11, Block 99; Lot 24, Block 100; Lot 1, Block 103; Lots 11 and 12, Block 104.

Excepting from the above descriptions property that lies within fifty (50) feet of the center line of State Road No. 2, Orange County, Florida, as surveyed and platted by the State Road Department and on file with said Road Department and in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Orange County, Florida.

It was explained that the State Road Department on March 4, 1937, executed deed in favor of W. R. and Bessie L. Kemp, predecessors in title to Angebilt Holding Company, covering the land described, and the Trustees are now being asked to issue quitclaim deed in order that the title may be clear.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of quitclaim deed as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that a hearing would be held in Washington, D. C., May 12, 1948, on flood control for South Florida, especially the Everglades area, and that it would be desirable to have the Trustees express its opinion on certain points that would be discussed. The Trustees express agreement on the following:

1. That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would favor the enactment of a general law by the State legislature at the next session providing the legal machinery for the creation and operation of districts for carrying out, on a cooperative basis between the United States and local districts, works for water control and allied interests.
2. Statement of policy of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund toward assisting in such projects by contributing State land held by said Trustees and granting right of ways through such land to the Federal Government for the works of such districts.
3. That in the instant case, in reference to "Comprehensive Report Central and Southern Florida for Flood Control and Other Purposes" an analysis of costs and requirements of the proposed district be outlined for indicating that necessary to be done by the district in meeting on a cooperative basis the district's commitments with the United States.
4. The giving of information on such questions as the Committee of Congress might propound.

Mr. Elliot reported that Everglades Drainage District had requested that the Trustees take confirmative action on resolution heretofore adopted making available Internal Improvement Fund land and Murphy Act land set aside for inclusion in Water Conservation areas, conditioned that said land be relieved from draining taxes; that relief of drainage taxes has been accomplished by legislative action and confirmed by appropriate elections in the counties affected.

Also, information was furnished that Everglades Drainage District has made arrangements to take up all outstanding tax liens against Murphy Act land and Internal Improvement Fund lands, wherever such exist, cancel said liens, and thereby place complete title, free of all tax liens, in the District or in the Trustees of the Internal Improve-

ment Fund, as their equities appear, and to the same effect where title to the land is in any other State agency.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm action taken by them October 1, 1946, in reference to making all lands held by said Trustees in Everglades Water Conservation areas available for water conservation purposes, conditioned that said land shall be exempt from the imposition of Everglades Drainage District taxes, and that since the condition in reference to elimination of taxes has been met, said Trustees now unconditionally dedicate said land for water conservation purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees employ an attorney to represent the State Board of Education in the suit filed by South Florida Conservancy District against the Trustees for the collection of taxes against land owned by the State Board of Education and used by Everglades Experiment Station, it being deemed advisable for the Board of Education to join in the suit and said Board having no funds available to employ counsel. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Governor and Mr. English were requested to select counsel and arrange for fee to be paid.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Treasurer of the United States Washington, D. C.—For cost of work performed by U. S. Geological Survey in cooperation with Trustees I. I. Fund	$ 5,173.83
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Fla.—To Prin. State School Fund under Sections 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941	8,004.63
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Fla.—To State Board of Conservation for Oyster Conservation Fund under Chap. 24121, Acts of 1945	4,253.85
University of Florida Law Review Gainesville, Fla.—250 copies of Univ. of Fla. Law Review re. Tidelands Decision	125.00
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Fla. For expenses incurred on trip to Miami	29.08
TOTAL	$17,586.39

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that said bids are regular in all respects and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	4/21/48	8
Brevard	4/12/48	1
Brevard	4/15/48	60
Clay	4/10/48	1
Clay	4/17/48	3
Dade	4/9/48	4
Dade	4/28/48	7
Indian River	4/19/48	4
Lafayette	4/6/48	1
Manatee	4/5/48	14
Martin	4/12/48	11
Nassau	4/19/48	8
Osceola	4/12/48	31
Palm Beach	4/23/48	6
Pasco	5/3/48	3
Polk	3/26/48	6
Putnam	4/3/48	5
St. Lucie	4/5/48	35
Sarasota	4/12/48	32
Seminole	4/26/48	5
Volusia	4/24/48	6

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Frank W. Duval for release of State Road R/W reserved in deed heretofore issued to him.

The Secretary having reported that the State Road Department had approved the release, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute Volusia County Q. C. Deed #906 to Frank Duval for releasing the road right of way as recommended by the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from L. W. Smith for correction of description recited in Polk County Deed #1623 for the reason that the subdivision designated in the deed was never recorded and description is desired according to metes and bounds.

The Attorney General's office having approved issuance of deed, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees execute Polk County Supplemental Deed #1623-A in favor of L. W. Smith. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department that right of way easement be granted across Alachua County land described as covering

> That portion of Lot 2, Block 2, Hamilton Estates S/D in that part of the N 1/2 of Section 34, Township 7 South, Range 17 East, North and East of existing Road No. 2, lying northeasterly of and within 132 feet of the survey line of State Road #25—0.10 of an acre in Alachua County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of easement in favor of the State Road Department covering the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $1750.00 was presented from V. Guy Day, on behalf of W. R. McElroy and W. W. Sterling, for release of petroleum and mineral rights reserved by the Trustees in approrimately 3000 acres of subdivision lots and small acreage located in Townships 13 and 14, Ranges 31 and 32, Volusia County, Florida. Information was furnished that the lots are scattered and not a sufficient number adjoining or contiguous that will make a total of ten acres in a composite body.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance of deed releasing petroleum and mineral rights in Deeds Nos. 1567, 1680, 2032, 2764, 2949 and 2987, upon receipt of evidence that the land is now owned by applicants. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Dade Drainage District that the Trustees convey

3.09 acres in Section 33, Township 52 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, Florida,

statement being submitted that the tract is owned by the District and used for canal purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943 of the parcel described upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from George J. Peace that the following described land be advertised with a base bid of $600.00 rather than the one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value—$737.50—on the ground that in 1932 there were improvements on the property which have been removed since that time:

Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block 9, City of Fernandina, Nassau County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk to advertise the lots with a base bid of $700.00 if Mr. Peace will deposit the required amount. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Polk County Board of Public Instruction for dedication of

Lots 1 to 19, Incl.; Lots 21, 22, and 25 to 30 Incl., Spanish Heights S/D of Section 2, Township 30 South, Range 27 East, Polk County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to dedicate the lots to Polk County Board of Public Instruction, under provisions of Chapter 21684, upon payment of $5.00, dedication to be for school purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Florida Power Corporation for right of way through Murphy Act land in Seminole County, described as being in

SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 19 South, Range 30 East, comprising 14.73 rods.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement as requested for erec-

tion of transmission line through the property described, upon payment of $1.00 per rod—$14.73. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

See record of action already taken on subject of Water Conservation areas covering State land proper and Murphy Act land, as requested by Everglades Drainage District.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that notice had been received from United States Bureau of Yards and Docks of renewal of Lease NOY(R)—39760 covering land located about twenty miles west of Fort Lauderdale, described as:

Tracts 3, 4 and 6, Section 5, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, Broward County, Florida,

used as Bombing Target site. Term of lease July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949.

The notice was ordered filed for record.

Transfer from Murphy Act to General Revenue fund for April, 1948, was reported as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
Transfer to General Revenue Fund.....$15,000.00

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Florida	$ 2.50
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	8.85
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Florida	7.50
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	139.52
A. W. Brittle, Jr. c/o Clyde H. Sauls, Clerk Circuit Court Jefferson County, Monticello, Florida Refund part deed #339	40.00
TOTAL	$198.37

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
May 11, 1948

Joint meeting of Okeechobee Flood Control District and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund was held on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

At the request of Mr. Adams the roll was called with the following members present:

FOR OKEECHOBEE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor and Chairman
F. Deane Duff, Vice-Chairman, Clewiston
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture
Russell G. Snow, Fort Lauderdale
G. Carl Adams, Miami Springs
Lewis C. Conant, Fort Myers
A. E. Kirchman, Belle Glade

Ben Herr, West Palm Beach.

FOR TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Jentye Dedge, Acting Secretary

Governor Caldwell called the meeting to order and explained that its purpose was to ascertain the attitude of the Board of Commissioners of Okeechobee Flood Control District with reference to commitment necessary to be made to the Senate Committee on Public Works, at hearings to be held starting May 12, 1948.

Mr. Duff, Vice-Chairman, explained that a sub-committee had been appointed, composed of Mr. Conant, Mr. Herr and Mr. Thos. McE. Johnston; that they had been working with the District Engineers and had been authorized to spend up to $15,000.00 if necessary in the matter of right of ways; that there was less than $53,000.00 in the fund at this time.

Upon inquiry from the Governor as to the amount of right of ways already secured, Mr. Duff replied that approximately fourteen of the 23 miles required by the Federal Government had been acquired; that the Government Engineers have asked for continuous right of way on North St. Lucie Canal and a portion of the area is improved property, some with homes, but the remaining 9 miles is in process of being worked out; that on the improved property condemnation proceedings will have to be brought which will cost considerably more than the Board has in the fund.

Governor Caldwell explained that there were four points on which it would be necessary to have action taken so that he would be in position to tell the Senate Committee that Okeechobee Flood Control District had committed itself to. The subjects in question were explained by the Governor as follows:

1. The Federal Government has appropriated $1,600,000.00 for deepening the St. Lucie Canal. Local cooperation is requested to provide the necessary spoil areas and the necessary guarantees to hold and save the Federal Government free from damages.

2. The Okeechobee Flood Control District is the agency responsible for providing these elements of local cooperation. The Board of Commissioners of that District has authorized expenditures of not more than $15,000.00 for spoil areas and has not authorized condemnation proceedings. It has not provided the United States with the required guarantees against damages.

3. The early execution of this work is vital if we are to avoid possibility of disastrous floods next wet season. Moreover, the failure to provide local cooperation on a $1,600,000.00 project may have most adverse effect on the action of Congress on the $208,000,000.00 project which requires a much greater degree of local cooperation. Since our hearing on this latter project is set for 12 May, immediate corrective action appears necessary.

4. The funds and authority of the Board of Commissioners of the Okeechobee Flood Control District are limited. It seems probable, however, that the approximate $50,000.00 in its treasury are actually quite sufficient for the discharge of this responsibility.

5. It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners of the Okeechobee Flood Control District:

a. Authorize condemnation proceedings.

b. Authorize expenditure of funds up to the total sum available to the Board.

c. Provide the Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers with assurances that all easements and lands needed will be provided.

d. Provide the Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers with the required guarantees holding and saving the Federal Government free from damages resulting from this project.

The Governor further stated that if he could take the commitment of the Board to carry out the four points—a, b, c and d—that it would make a good impression on the Senate Committee in connection with the 208 million dollar flood control program.

In a discussion of the four points suggested, it was brought out that there would be lawyers' fees in the event of condemnation proceedings and that Okeechobee Flood Control District would not have sufficient funds to meet the requirements of the Federal Government. It was suggested that if that contingency arose, Everglades Drainage District and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund or some other agency would be called upon to supplement the deficit.

Mr. Mayo called attention to the Caloosahatchee area and suggested that it be taken care of even if the Trustees have to make available $15,000.00; that this amount with what will be made available from the tax payers will take care of the Caloosahatchee section. It was indicated that the board was in accord on going ahead in approving the program as outlined.

For the Trustees, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees set aside $15,000.00 for use in the Caloosahatchee area. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Duff asked if the commitment by the Board along the lines suggested would mean there would be no funds available for lawyers' fees and a limited amount of administrative work which would be necessary to carry out the requirements of the Federal Government.

The Governor replied that he did not think the language would preclude payment from the fund of any essential activities of the Board.

Mr. Duff also called attention to the probability that the next session of the legislature would abolish Okeechobee Flood Control District, and members of the Board would like to know what their individual liability would be if they signed with the Federal Government to hold it harmless of any damage in connection with the project.

The Governor replied that there would be no individual liability; that the liability would exist so long as the agency existed; that whatever board or agency takes over the responsibility on the part of the State would take over all obligations.

On behalf of Board of Commissioners of Okeechobee Flood Control District, Mr. Mayo made the motion that program as outlined by the Governor covering the four points be approved and agreed to by the Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Kirchman and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Ben Herr submitted maps showing the proposed route of right of way, designated the areas where right of way had already been secured and where the improved property is located where right of way has not been acquired.

Proposed letter was read, directed to the Chief of Engineers in Washington, D. C., as follows:

11 May, 1948

The Chief of Engineers
U. S. Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Subject: Local Cooperation, St. Lucie Canal, Florida.

Sir:

In accordance with a resolution adopted this date by its Board of Commissioners, the Okechobee Flood Control District undertakes to provide all local cooperation required for the execution of the current project for deepening the St. Lucie Canal.

More specifically, the Okeechobee Flood Control District guarantees:

a. To provide free of cost to the United States all lands, easements, rights-of-way, and spoil disposal areas when and as required for the initial work and for subsequent

b. To hold and save the United States free maintenance.
from all claims for damages resulting from the improvement.

FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
OKEECHOBEE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

(s) MILLARD CALDWELL
Chairman

(s) F. DEANE DUFF
Vice-Chairman

Discussion was had on the letter, Colonel A. G. Matthews, Chief Engineer, Water Survey and Research, explaining that such letter had been requested by the Army Engineers on this subject; that in connection with reference to the possibility of insufficient funds to carry out the State's part of the program according to the commitments made today, it might be necessary to request legislation for making an appropriation, or to ask the Internal Improvement Fund, Everglades Drainage District and possibly the assistance of Martin County, in supplying funds to make up the deficit; that there were several sources that could be called upon but the responsibility for providing the right of ways was up to Okeechobee Flood Control District.

Governor Caldwell was also of the opinion that if there should be a deficit other sources would have to be called upon, as already suggested; that he felt that the southern part of the State would stand behind the program in doing whatever would be necessary to meet any deficit.

Motion was made by Mr. Conant, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the foregoing letter addressed to the Chief of Engineers be approved by Board of Commissioners of Okeechobee Flood Control District. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Governor, as Chairman, was requested to sign such letter.

Governor Caldwell thanked the members of the Board for taking the trouble to come up for this meeting and for cooperating in getting the necessary commitments for presenting to the Senate Committee at the hearing to be held in Washington on the 12th.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Board adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary for the
Boards jointly.

Tallahassee, Florida
May 11, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.
Jentye Dedge, Acting Secretary.

Offer of $200.00 an acre was presented from Mid-Isle Incorporated, St. Petersburg, Florida, for purchase of the following described land:

> Approximately 5 acres of submerged land in Boca Ceiga Bay, being that part of Government Lot 1, Section 24, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, North of and adjacent to Treasure Island Causeway, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer subject to advertisement of the land for objections. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from S. J. Davis for exchange of land covered by his Contract #19006 described as:

> 94 acres in Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County,

for the following described State land:

E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Containing 100 acres in Okeechobee County.

Mr. Wells informed the Trustees that Mr. Davis has agreed on a price of $50.00 an acre for the State land and $45.00 an acre for the land under his contract; that he will make all payments due under Contract #19006 and pay the difference in the price of the land being exchanged.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of Mr. Davis and authorize the exchange of land described on the basis as outlined by Mr. Wells. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $300.00 an acre was submitted from Francis Auger for a small parcel of land in Orange County described as:

1155 square feet or 77' x 15', lying between his upland property—Lot 14, Waterwitch Club—and the present water line of Lake Conway.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from S. D. Gray, Division Engineer, Florida Power Corporation, for permission to erect a power line over a part of Lake Pierce in Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East, Polk County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize permit across the land described upon payment of $1.00 per rod conditioned upon the right of way being not in excess of fifty feet. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from William Pitchford for extension of Lease #471 for a period of five (5) years from expiration date—Martin County land. Information was furnished that the County Commissioner of District #1, Martin County, recommends that extension be granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize extension of five years from expiration date of Lease #471 at a monthly rental of $50.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $10.00 an acre was presented from C. H. Rogers of Ocala, Florida, for the following described parcel of land:

SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 15 South, Range 24 East, Marion County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Rogers. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $150.00 from Kenyon Riddle for lake bottom land described as:

Approximately 5 acres, being that part of the North 400 feet of N 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, lying Southwesterly of West Palm Beach Canal, Palm Beach County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Financial statements for the month of April 1948 are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1948

Balance as of April 1, 1948		1,251,942.84
Receipts for the month		
Land Sales	21,131.36	
Land Sales—Chapter 14572	685.84	
Tax Refund—Everglades Drainage Dist.	3,954.02	
Interest on Contracts	479.55	
Campsite Leases	200.00	
Farm Leases	35.00	
Mineral Lease	25.00	
Sand & Shell Leases	4,750.56	
Miscellaneous Leases	19.73	
Timber Leases	4,790.48	
10-year Oil & Gas Leases	3,200.00	
Grazing Leases	258.05	
10-year Wharf & Dock Lease	3,300.00	
Total Receipts		42,829.59

TOTAL	1,294,772.43
Less Disbursements for the month	19,768.70
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1948	1,275,003.73

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1948

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
4-16-48	211886	State Treas. Trans. to Prin. State School Fund	11,731.52
	211887	State Treas. Trans. to SBC—Oyster Conser. Fund	1,526.85
4-30-48	190852	F. C. Elliot	371.81
	190853	M. O. Barco	163.15
	190854	Jentye Dedge	239.70
	190855	W. B. Granger	47.50
	190856	A. C. Bridges	278.90
	190857	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	190858	Geraldine Davis	218.70
	190859	T. T. Turnbull	334.80
	190860	Bonnie G. Shelfer	147.80
	190861	Sinclair Wells	47.50
	190862	Ruth N. Landers	20.00
	222929	S. T. Trans, to U. S. G. S. Cooperative fund	3,715.00
		5% Retirement Fund	68.17
		Withholding Tax	423.90
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1948	19,768.70

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of April 1, 1948	3,365.00
Receipts for the month	350.00
Disbursements for the Month	-0-
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1948	3,715.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of April 1, 1948	51,215.55
Receipts for the month	22,969.06
TOTAL	74,184.61
Less Disbursements for the month	1,081.89
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1948	73,102.72

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1948

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
4-16-48	211389	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
	211390	Southeastern Telephone Co.	6.75
	211391	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.68
	211392	Western Union Telegraph Co.	.46
4-30-48	188471	Ernest Hewitt	292.60
	188472	J. R. Roberts	198.85
	188473	M. O. Barco	23.75
	188474	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	188475	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	188476	Elizabeth M. Goode	155.90
	188477	Mary Clare Pichard	173.30
		5% Retirement Fund	24.50
		Withholding Tax	78.60
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1948	1,081.89

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids are regular in all respects and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	4/21/48	1
Charlotte	4/5/48	1
Hillsborough	4/27/48	42
St. Johns	4/9/48	15
St. Lucie	5/3/48	6
Sarasota	4/28/48	32
Sarasota	5/3/48	1
Volusia	5/3/48	22

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented from Dade, Duval, Hillsborough, Lake, Orange, Pinellas, St. Lucie and Sumter Counties, for release of State road right of way reservation in deeds heretofore granted. It was reported that

the State Road Department had approved releases in the counties named.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing road right of way as recommended by the Road Department.

Dade County Q. C. Deed No. 2937 to Marlynn Cold Storage & Warehouse Corporation;

Duval County Q. C. Deed No. 1585 to Burnett Chemical & Supply Co., a Florida corporation;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 1698 to James W. Erwin and wife, Beula G. Erwin;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 4847 to Dolores Land Corporation;

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 08-Chap. 21684 (part) to Dr. C. D. Hopkins;

Lake County Q. C. Deed No. 2090 to Ralph W. Rowinsky and Maude E. Rowinsky;

Orange County Q. C. Deed No. 1109 to Joel P. Phillips and Grace Harrop Phillips;

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 2665 to O. H. Faulk;

Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 2924 to J. L. Lance;

St. Lucie County Q. C. Deed No. 202 to Sarah Summerlin and Ben Summerlin, her husband;

St. Lucie County Q. C. Deed No. 202 to Theodore W. Olson;

Sumter County Q. C. Deed No. 324 to Mrs. Irma L. Young and Philip B. Young.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented from Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Alachua, Bay, Citrus, Hendry, Hillsborough, Jefferson, Sumter and Wakulla Counties for cancellation of certain certificates which they state were erroneously certified under the Murphy Act or are subject to cancellation under the law. It was reported that the Attorney General's office had approved disclaimer in each case.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates cov-

ered by the Attorney General's approval and that report of this action be certified to the Comptroller for action by him. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
May 18, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Elliot presented Minutes of the Trustees for approval, copies having been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve Minutes dated March 30 and April 13, 1948. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to application presented to the Trustees March 30, 1948 from W. F. Bevis, on behalf of W. R. Robbins, with offer of $2500.00 for Broward County land, the following notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News on April 16, 23, 30, May 7 and 14, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, April 6th, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00

o'clock A. M. May 18th, 1948, the land in BROWARD COUNTY, described as follows:

NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 40 East.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, the only offer received was from Mr. Bevis.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept $2500.00 for the land described and authorize sale in favor of Mr. Robbins. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Florida Power and Light Company for permission to place storm anchors on property owned by the State in Broward and Palm Beach Counties, along the westerly edge of right of way for State Road #25 and approximately twenty-seven (27) feet westerly from poles as now located on the right of way.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of Florida Power & Light Company for the purpose requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from H. C. Williamson with offer of twenty cents (20c) an acre annually for five year grazing lease on all State owned land in

Sections 1, 3, 11 and 12, Township 39 South, Range 37 East, Martin County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize five-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Williamson at the rental offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from Jack O. Johnson, on behalf of Mrs. Ben Bolton, for cancellation of Grazing Leases #342 expiring July 1, 1953, and #18461 expiring January 14, 1952. It was explained that her husband has died and she does not intend to continue farming the Palm Beach County land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize cancellation of the two leases mentioned without requiring payment for the remaining years of the leases. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of the following designated parcels:

> Land in Sections 1, 6 and 21, Township 12 South, Range 22 East, Alachua County, lying within 100 feet each side of the center line of existing State Road No. 200.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel described, without consideration. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Ocala Manufacturing Ice & Packing Company for twelve (12) months extension on Bradford County Timber Lease #351 due to the fact that they have been unable to operate on account of weather conditions.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize extension requested by the Ocala Manufacturing Ice & Packing Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Florida Ore Processing Company for a ninety (90) day extension within which to begin commercial operations required under their Mineral Lease No. 563.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize extension requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted that the following salaries and necessary and

regular bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	$ 4.49
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	15.00
C. M. Gay, State Comptroller	3.85
E. C. Elliot, Expense Account, Washington trip	46.81
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	508.33
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Taxes & Records	225.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	277.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	350.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	235.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney	400.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	180.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	50.00
Ruth N. Landers	20.00
TOTAL	$2,865.48

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that said bids are regular in all respects and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Charlotte	3/16/48	1
Clay	5/15/48	1
Columbia	5/10/48	1
Duval	3/30/48	45
Hamilton	5/10/48	1
Hernando	5/15/48	3
Jefferson	5/10/48	1
Lake	4/12/48	50
Lake	5/10/48	10
Lee	4/13/48	8
Marion	5/3/48	3
Orange	5/3/48	6
Putnam	5/1/48	14

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement across Murphy Act land described as:

> East 30 feet of a tract, beginning 472 1/2 feet South of the NE corner, thence West 210 feet; thence South 52 1/4 feet; thence East 210 feet; thence North to point of beginning, Section 15, Township 4 South, Range 14 West, Bay County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize easement as described for use in connection with State Road #389, Section 4613(2)—SRD #95. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from City of Avon Park for conveyance of the following described parcels in Highlands County:

> North 170 feet of Lots 7 and 8, Block 19 Avon Park—Section 22, Township 33 South, Range 28 East.

Explanation was made by representative of the City that these parcels had been included in an application made in 1940 involving a large number of lots, the price of which was fixed at $200.00; that the fractional lots described were omitted from the advertisement through error and consequently were not conveyed in Deed # 55. The City asks that the land omitted be now conveyed without cost.

In view of the lapse of time since the transaction referred to, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline request of the City of Avon Park and agree to sell the two parcels described upon payment of $25.00, conveyance to be made under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, without advertisement and public sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Dr. C. D. Hopkins of Tampa, Florida, for release of State Road right of way and oil and mineral reservation in deed #08-Chapter 21684 to Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District in so far as it applies to

> Lots 1 and 2, Block 2—Sunset Park Subdivsion Plat Book 10, Page 46, Hillsborough County.

Mr. Elliot reported that the State Road Department had approved release of the road right of way.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize release of State Road right of way and the execution of Pt. Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed #08-Chap. 21684 in favor of C. D. Hopkins and Mildred L. Hopkins, but decline to release the oil and mineral rights in said deed applicable to Lots 1 and 2, Block 2 —Sunset Park Subdivision. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 315.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	225.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Clerk & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk-Bookkeeper	190.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Secretary	190.00
TOTAL	$1,023.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
June 1, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Action was requested on sale of Sumter County land advertised for receiving bids on this date, based on application from T. Noble Brown with offer of $400.00. On April 13, the Trustees ordered the land advertised and the following notice was published in the Sumter County News, Bushnell, Florida, on April 30, May 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, April 22, 1948

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 1st, 1948, the land in SUMTER COUNTY, described as follows:

SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, containing 40.07 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for bids, the only offer received was from Mr. Brown.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept $400.00 for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

On April 13, 1948, the Trustees received application from County Commissioners of Orange County, with offer of $300.00 an acre for land on Lake Conway and based thereon authorized the land advertised for objections only. The following notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, Florida, on April 30, May 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, April 23rd, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 1st, 1948, the land in Orange County, described as follows:

"Beginning at the S. E. Corner of Lot 10 of 'Subdivision of Harney Homestead" according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 63, Records of Orange County Florida, run thence East 80 feet more or less in prolongation of the South line of said Lot 10 to the Shore line of Lake Conway; thence Southeasterly along Shore line to Government Traverse Line; thence North 74° 30' West 150 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing .028 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the advertising cost.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out and objections were filed by Mrs. M. Waller of Pinecastle, Florida, and M. J. Moss of Orlando, Florida, on the grounds that they were the adjacent owners and the land should not be sold to other parties.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that disposition of the sale be deferred pending investigation. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for

Certain submerged land in Lake Jackson, being a part of the W 1/2 of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, Leon County,

the land being needed as right of way for State road.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel desired by the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline offer of $25.00 an acre from E. R. Bennett for

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the offer being considered insufficient. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $1000.00 an acre was presented from David D. Phillips, on behalf of J. T. Birocco, for the following described parcel:

1.83 acres of submerged land in Biscayne Bay in Section 32, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, lying adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Birocco, subject to the land being advertised for objections. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way through land in Section 11, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, for use in connection with State Road #66. Information was furnished that the area requested is included in Contract #19157 to Louis H. Alsmeyer and that Mr. Alsmeyer has agreed to right of way being granted the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deed to the State Road Department covering the right of way applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Eagle Docks & Warehouses, Inc., that the Trustees allow a credit of two months rental on Lease #583 covering a small parcel of land on Miami Canal, located in Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, Dade County. It was explained that it was necessary to give Dade County Park Board thirty (30) days notice that the land had been leased, according to permit issued to Dade County in 1939 on the same property, and for that reason the lessee could not get possession of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request and credit lease #583 with sixty (60) days rental. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Mr. L. L. Stuckey, President of Richlands, Inc., giving a statement of expenses the company has incurred in connection with farming lands in Palm Beach County under Lease #18284, such expenses having been occasioned by flood conditions in that section last year.

The Trustees were of the opinion that there was nothing they could do about this condition and that payment on the lease would be expected on the due date.

Request was presented from John S. Phipps for five-year extension of Lease No. 302 after eliminating part of the area covered by said lease and addition of new area. Offer of $150.00 annually was made for the lease covering Leon County land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that lease #302 be renewed for five years at the price offered with the modification requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $10,000.00 was presented by Thos. H. Horobin for approximately ten (10) acres of filled land adjacent to 79th Street Causeway in Miami.

Mr. Wells reported that this parcel together with approximately twenty-three (23) other acres was applied for by Mr. Horobin with offer of $1000.00 an acre and was advertised to be sold September 18, 1945; that objections were filed by Ben Shepard of Miami Beach, Florida, on behalf of clients and disposition of sale was deferred pending inves-

tigation; that upon investigation it was found that the area had been filled to approximately seven (7) feet elevation and that objectors were not adjacent owners, the parcel applied for being separated by a channel on each side. Mr. Horobin is applying for the ten-acre tract only, located in Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Upon consideration of the objections, the Trustees were of the opinion that they were not valid and declined to cancel the sale on those grounds.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline to sell the land applied for by Mr. Horobin at a price of $1000.00 an acre, and made counter proposal to accept $15,000.00 for approximately ten (10) acres of the parcel advertised, provided there would be no further filling operations to increase the size thereof. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Horobin was present and agreed to pay the price fixed by the Trustees and also abide by condition with reference to filling.

Mr. Osmond Bie presented request from Sun Oil Company, holder of lease #565, that the Trustees grant permission to assign one-half interest in said lease to Placid Oil Company, a subsidiary of Hunt Oil Company. It was explained that through agreement between the two companies certain geophysical information had been obtained from operations in Baker County and a joint project was arranged with the expense to be equally borne and that Placid Oil Company was to own one-half of lease #565 with Sun Oil Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant permission for Sun Oil Company to assign one-half interest in Lease #565 to Placid Oil Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Lamar Johnson, on behalf of Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, for right of way along the east boundary of Section 36, Township 48 South, Range 40 East, Broward County, for use in levee construction. It was explained that reservation had originally been made in deed from the State to Florida East Coast Railway Company and the reservation is still in effect.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of Everglades Drainage District covering a strip 260 feet wide along the East boundary of Section 36, Township 48 South, Range 40 East, extending north and south through said section. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Florida Inland Navigation District makes application for spoil area easement in Broward County described as:

> Part of an island lying on the westerly side of the center line of the 500-foot right of way in the open waters of Stranahan River, in Fractional Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, Township 50 South, Range 40 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize easement as requested by Florida Inland Navigation District. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells presented notice from the United States War Assets Administration, Atlanta, Georgia, that the Trustees would have the privilege of purchasing the following lots in Franklin County which were a part of Camp Gordon Johnston during the war:

Tract 145: Lot 389—Lanark
Tract 148: Lots 396 and 397—Block 74, Lanark
Lots 444 and 445—Block 82, Lanark
Lots 447 and 452—Block 83, Lanark
Lots 567 and 568—Block 102, Lanark
Tract 174: Lots 559 and 569—Block 101, Lanark.

The lots were offered to the Trustees at the same price the United States paid for them.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the matter be referred to Mr. Mayo and Mr. Elliot to investigate and if they deem advisable that the lots be repurchased. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $300.00 an acre was presented from Jenkins Dolive for purchase of a parcel of land in Orange County, being

> 0.44 of an acre of Lake bottom land on Lake Conway, Catlin with Hobb's Subdivision.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from former Governor David Sholtz, on behalf of Robert E. and Mary Ikerd, making application to lease for a period of five years a strip of land in Monroe County, along the west side of Over-Seas Highway, near Indian Key drawbridge.

Mr. Elliot reported that information from the State Road Department was that the parcel was within the right of way of Over-Seas Highway and would not be available for lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to lease the area for the reason that it is a part of the highway right of way. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the Town of Palm Beach, Florida, for modification of permit granted the town March 30, 1948, by allowing material to be taken from the bottoms of Lake Worth west of the Intracoastal Waterway channel—the permit of March 30 confined operations to water bottoms east of the channel.

Mr. Elliot recommended that permission be given to allow taking material from the west side of the channel of Lake Worth conditioned that the Town of Palm Beach procure waivers or consent in writing from riparian owners bordering upon the west shore of Lake Worth opposite excavation areas.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees grant request of the town of Palm Beach under the conditions as recommended by Mr. Elliot. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The following applications were presented for homesteading County and State owned land, with information that all papers are in order and the law complied with:

> Sarasota County—Stanley L. Adams requests addition to his former application of land owned by the County described as: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Block "A", and Lot 6, Block "V" — Replat of Sarasota.

(Through error these lots were omitted from original application and the County approved the addition.);

Sarasota County — Isaac M. Johns applies for Blocks A, C, D and E—Woodland Homes Unit #1—Section 25, Township 36 South, Range 18 East—20 acres of land under Chapter 18296—Murphy Act;

Broward County—Raymond Anthony McCranie applies for Tract 1, Tier 10 Newman's Survey of Section 24, Township 50 South, Range 41 East—6.32 acres in Broward County. Title to this tract came to the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under Chapter 14717 of 1931.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the applications be approved as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Richard H. Hunt, Attorney of Miami, Florida, for exclusive lease in favor of Leon Walker, (known as Lonnie Lee Walker), and John Clough, covering a small parcel of land near Angelfish Creek in Monroe County. Mr. Hunt explained that these were two old fishermen who had rendered valuable service to the United States Coast Guard during the war and he desired the lease for them, without consideration, and in the event these parties discontinue the lease that he, Mr. Hunt, be given the option to continue the lease in his name for one year, with option of renewal for a total period of five (5) years, at an annual rental to be agreed upon; lessee to have the right to remove within ninety (90) days any improvements placed by him on the premises. The parcel applied for is described as:

A small point of bar, mud flat, or shoal bottom land consisting of one (1) acre, more or less, located near the East end of Angelfish Creek and lying in the south part of said creek, being separated from Angelfish Key mainland by a channel of more than five (5) feet depth, which said channel adjoins and abuts the northeast corner of Government Lot 8, Section 5, Township 59 South, Range 41 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of Leon Walker

and John Clough for one year, subject to renewal so long as either or both of the parties live and personally occupy the premises, for a consideration of $1.00, and upon relinquishment by said parties that Mr. Hunt be given option to lease the parcel for one year with privilege of renewal for four additional years at annual rental of $50.00 and the right to remove improvements as outlined. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bill be approved for delinquent taxes of Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District on State owned land:

Ted Cabot, Clerk Circuit Court, Broward County
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
For N. B. Broward Dr. Dist. taxes for
years 1937 to 1947 inclusive.....$1,502.62

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bill be approved for payment and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant therefor:

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
Tallahassee, Florida
Transfer from Trustees' account 610
to U. S. G. S. Cooperative account.....$3,715.00

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the bids are regular in all respects and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Alachua	5/19/48	6
Bay	5/17/48	20
Charlotte	5/10/48	3
Citrus	4/5/48	3
Citrus	4/19/48	2
Citrus	5/10/48	4
Escambia	5/4/48	1
Hernando	4/9/48	7
Hillsborough	5/24/48	40

Indian River	5/17/48	2
Lake	4/12/48	1
Manatee	5/10/48	10
Monroe	5/13/48	195
Nassau	5/17/48	2
Osceola	5/24/48	22
Polk	4/30/48	18
Santa Rosa	4/19/48	1
Seminole	5/24/48	6
Sumter	5/17/48	15
Taylor	5/7/48	4
Volusia	5/14/48	9
Washington	9/24/47	1
Washington	5/12/48	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds, all having been approved by the Attorney General's office:

Alachua County SRD Quitclaim Deed No. 830-COR. To Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company To correct block number in original deed;

Hardee County Duplicate Deed No. 617-A To Lizzie Charles—To replace original deed reported lost before recording;

Hardee County Duplicate Deed No. 618-A To George Ryals—To replace original deed reported lost before recording.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed and delivered.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of right of way through that portion of Murphy Act land in

W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 20, Township 5 North, Range 23 West, lying within 100 feet of each side of the survey line as shown on map of right of way for State Road No. 2—Section 5710—Okaloosa County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees grant request from the State Road Department and execute deed for the right of way desired. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

City of Apalachicola, Florida, requests conveyance of title to the following described land in Franklin County, now being used by Florida National Guard Armory:

Lots 2 and 3; SE of Lot 4, Block 9—Apalachicola, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943 of the parcel described for a consideration of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Mr. Evans Crary, on behalf of Martin County, for conveyance of title to the following described land to be used in connection with Palm City Loop road:

West 50 feet of Tracts 8, 9, 24 and 25—Palm City Farms, in Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 40 East;
North 35 feet of Lots 1 and 2, and 5 to 20 Incl., Block 2; North 35 feet of Block 3—Palm City Gardens, a subdivision of Fractional Section 20, Township 38 South, Range 41 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Martin County, under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, of title to the parcels of land described, deed to contain clause that the land will be used for public purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented from Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Gadsden, Hillsborough and Putnam Counties, that the Trustees cancel certain certificates which were erroneously certified to the State under Chapter 18296. Information was furnished that the Attorney General's office had approved disclaiming interest in said certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates as recommended by the Attorney General's office. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported the following transfer of funds under Chapter 18296 to General Revenue Fund:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue Fund.....$15,000.00

See item already recorded for Murphy Act subject—Homestead application of Isaac M. Johns, Sarasota County.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
June 22, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the governor, at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the minutes of the Trustees dated May 6, 11, 18 and June 1, 1948, be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Joint Session with the State Board of Education was called, Secretary of State R. A. Gray and State Superintendent Colin English being present and making a quorum of that board.

Mr. English presented statement from Mr. LeRoy Collins for fee and expenses incurred in representing the State Board of Education and State Treasurer in connection with lawsuits instituted by the Attorney General affecting Everglades National Pork, said suits being styled as follows:

Watson vs. Caldwell, et al
Watson vs. Larson

A fee of $7500.00, with expenses of $413.42, was rendered for litigating the two suits. Termination of the suits resulted in opinions being rendered in favor of the State Board of Education and of the State Treasurer of the State of Florida.

The State Board of Education and the Treasurer's office having no appropriation from which to pay such fees, request was made that the Trustees stand the costs.

By reason of the fact that the transaction was primarily between Trustees and United States in connection with Everglades National Park, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the bills presented from LeRoy Collins and request the Comptroller to issue warrants in payment therefor. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot requested that the Budget Commission be asked to release from the Trustees surplus funds an amount sufficient to pay the bills from Mr. Collins.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Budget Commission be requested to release from the Trustees surplus funds an amount necessary to take care of the bills and fee incurred in the two suits referred to. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Joint session concluded.

Mr. R. T. Spangler, Mr. Fred Stewart and Mr. R. R. Saunders presented request from Broward County Port Authority as follows:

1. Application for right of way for pipe line and railroad from the possible producing oil fields across State land to Port Everglades, and
2. Opportunity to discuss with Trustees title conveyed by the State to private individual covering areas in Lake Mabel, which title is now in the Port Authority.

Mr. Saunders explained that an easement would be satisfactory with the Port Authority for the pipe line and roalroad, and if and when commercial production is realized a sea outlet will be necessary, and Port Everglades with its deep water facilities will be given full consideration.

At the suggestion of the Governor, it was agreed that the Port Authorities get with Mr. Elliot and work out a description for the desired areas for right of way, which will be presented to the Trustees for being withdrawn from sale; that when the right of ways are required easements will be issued.

With reference to #2, it was explained that a number of years ago the Trustees conveyed title to certain water bottoms in Lake Mabel, Broward County, to private parties and that the Port Authority is successor in title; that certain persons are taking rock from the bed of Lake Mabel and the present owners desire to start action for trespass on their property and request that the Trustees join with them in the suit as there is some doubt as to the navigability of the Lake at the time conveyance was made by the Trustees.

It was the opinion of the Trustees that the Port Authority should take its deed and bring suit. The Trustees having surrendered their title have no rights in the matter and would not be justified in joining in the suit. It was so agreed.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, reported that Mr. Thos. H. Horobin had told him that he had acquired the interest of E. N. Claughton in Burlingame Island, Dade County, and had succeeded to whatever rights the Claughtons had; that in an effort to get the lawsuit now pending out of the way he had succeeded in getting the City of Miami to agree to a proposal whereby, in the event the Trustees will convey to the City of Miami title to Dinner Key, which the City desires to develop into a yacht basin for public purposes, and likewise deed to said City title to all of that area described in Chapter 11616, Laws of Florida, Extraordinary Session of 1925, the City of Miami will in turn release to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund all claim to land or bottoms surrounding Burlingame Island amounting to approximately 240 acres; that the City of Miami had adopted a resolution outlining the proposed settlement which would be between the City and the Trustees. A map was displayed, accompanying the resolution, showing the Dinner Key area and certain property on the edge of Miami causeway, the

latter of which extended to the tip of Fisher's Island and included three islands privately owned known as Lummus, Carstairs and Sams.

Mr. Parker was of the opinion that should the Trustees agree to the proposal, the three islands mentioned should not be included in the description of the land to be deeded the City, but the description should be cut off so as to leave the islands in the clear and not affected by the proposed conveyance. It was further brought out that should this settlement be made with the City it will mean that the Trustees will receive undisputed title to 160 acres more land than they would if the Claughton suit is litigated through.

Upon discussion of the proposal, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees approve the settlement as outlined, subject to the working out of descriptions so as to exclude the three islands privately owned, it being understood that conveyance of title to the City of Miami of the two parcels specified will carry restrictions that the property will be for public purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. George Salley, of the law firm of Hunt and Salley of Miami, Florida, who has assisted Mr. Parker in the Burlingame Island suit, was present and Mr. Parker asked that decision be reached as to the fee to be paid this firm; that the original arrangement was that retainer of $2500.00 be paid Hunt and Salley and in the event the suit was decided in favor of the Trustees that an additional $5000.00 be paid; that in event settlement as proposed is carried out the suit will probably be ended..

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that pursuant to arrangement originally agreed upon, and $2500.00 having been paid on account, the Trustees authorize payment of the balance of $5000.00 to the law firm of Hunt and Salley for services in connection with Burlingame Island—E. N. Claughton suit—upon completion of the settlement to be worked out with the City of Miami and dismissal of the lawsuit. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that Mr. Horobin, as successor in title to E. N. Claughton's interest in Burlingame Island comprising approximately 5.6 acres, has agreed to pay $100,000.00 for the area surrounding the original purchase and dismiss the suit to quiet title. The Trustees not being willing to sell at that price, a figure of $200,000.00 was suggested, which Mr. Horobin agreed to pay for the 80.00 acres surrounding Burlingame Island.

Governor Caldwell summed up the combined transactions as follows: 1st—That it would establish the validity of the Trustees' title in the area surrounding Burlingame Island, being the accretion to the original 5.6 acres; 2nd—Would deed Dinner Key to the City of Miami for public purposes; and 3rd—The Trustees would receive $200,000.00 for 80.00 acres surrounding Burlingame Island.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept $200,000.00 from Mr. Horobin for 80.00 acres of land and submerged bottom surrounding Burlingame Island, subject to advertisement for objections only, conditioned that settlement with the City of Miami as outlined be consummated, eliminating the three privately owned islands, and that the lawsuit involving Burlingame Island be dismissed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, called attention to Dade County land applied for by Thos. H. Horobin and advertised for bids and objections to be presented March 20, 1945, the land involved being designated as Tracts "A", "B", "C" and "D" in Sections 15, 16, 21 and 20 of Township 53 South, Range 42 East. The City Commissioners of Miami Beach objected to the sale and brought suit enjoining the Trustees from issuing deed and Mr. Horobin was made party in the litigation. Sale was held up pending having a survey made to determine the depth of the water and Mr. Horobin desires to continue the case at his expense if the Trustees will allow the name of the State to be used and will agree to consummate the sale to him in the event the litigation is decided in favor of the Trustees. Mr. Horobin offered to pay $1000.00 an acre for the land comprising approximately 28 acres.

Mr. Horobin was present and informed the Trustees that he had surveys that would furnish information that the depth of water covering the land was not in excess of three feet at high tide, and he was willing to stand all costs of continuing the litigation provided the Trustees would allow the suit to be continued in its name, Mr. Horobin to select the attorney, and would sell him the property if favorable decision was rendered.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agreed to have the suit continued in its name, Mr. Horobin assuming all costs, and upon decision being rendered in favor of the Trustees that title to

the submerged lands would be conveyed to Mr. Horobin at a price of $1000.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. George Salley, of the firm of Hunt & Salley, Miami, Florida, presented request from his client G. Cabrera that the Trustees allow him to surrender his Contract #17071 and apply payments made thereon to Contract #19000 covering land in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request of Mr. Salley for surrender of Contract #17071 and credit amounts paid thereon to final payments due on Contract #19000. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker tendered his resignation as Special Attorney for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to become effective July 1, 1948, and reported that the only uncompleted legal cases of any consequence were South Florida Conservancy District v. Trustees, now pending in the Supreme Court on rehearing, and the case of Claughton v. Trustees, involving title and ownership to Burlingame Island in Biscayne Bay.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept resignation tendered by Mr. Parker and express appreciation for his services. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Consideration was given to a successor to Mr. Parker, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. T. T. Turnbull, who has assisted Mr. Parker in handling Trustees matters, be employed at a salary of $6,000.00 annually plus the salary of his secretary, until January 1, 1949, when the work will be taken over by the Attorney General's office. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells requested action on sale of land advertised for June 15th, and on account of a quorum not being present on that date was held over. Based on application from C. H. Rogers with offer of $10.00 an acre, the Trustees authorized Marion County land advertised for bids and the following notice was published in the Star-Banner, Ocala, Florida, on May 17, 24, 31, June 7 and 14, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, May 14th, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 15th, 1948, the land in MARION COUNTY, described as follows:

SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 9, Township 15 South, Range 24 East, containing 40.08 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out the only bid received was $10.00 an acre from Mr. Rogers.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Rogers at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pinellas County sale also held from June 15 for confirmation on this date was considered, the Trustees having authorized advertisement for objections only of land applied for by Roger A. Wilson, on behalf of Mid-Isle, Inc. The following notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on May 16, 23, 30, June 6 and 13, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, May 14th, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 15th, 1948, the land in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

Approximately 5 acres of submerged land in Boca Ceiga Bay, said land being part of Government Lot 1, Section 24, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, North of and adjacent to Treasure Island Causeway.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mid-Isle, Inc., at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Consideration was requested of Orange County sale, advertised for hearing on June 15 and held over to this meeting, the Trustees having ordered the land advertised for objections only based on offer of $10.00 from Francis Auger for 0.003 of an acre on Lake Conway. The following notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel-Star on May 16, 23, 30, June 6 and 13, 1948:

Tallahassee, Florida, May 14th, 1948

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 15th, 1948, the land in ORANGE COUNTY, described as follows:

Begin at the NE Corner of Lot 14, Waterwitch Club, as recorded in Plat Book 700, Page 417, public records of Orange County, Florida, run East on a prolongation of the North line of said Lot 14, a distance of 15 feet to Lake Con-

way; thence along the shore of Lake Conway to the point of prolongation of the South line of said Lot 14; thence West 15 feet to the SE Corner of said Lot 14; thence North along the East line of said Lot 14 a distance of 77 feet to the point of beginning, containign .003 acres.

The Purchaser is required to pay the cost of advertisement.

THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND reserve the right to reject the sale.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Sec.
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Auger and authorize execution of deed upon payment of $10.00, plus cost of advertisement. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline the following offers for State land:

Offer of $8.00 an acre from G. E. Ragnes for purchase of Sections 34 and 36, Township 49 South, Range 39 East; Sections 4, 10, 14, 22 and 28, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, containing a total of 4,460 acres in Broward County;

Offer of $5.00 an acre from John French for Lot 9, Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 27 East, containing 49.85 acres in Duval County;

Application from Coleman & Cook, on behalf of Hillcrest Memorial Park, Inc., for 22 acres of land in Section 9, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Clarke, Palm Beach County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the applications denied, the Trustees directing that Lake Clarke area, Palm Beach County, be taken off the market.

Offer of $2.00 an acre was presented from W. Lansing Gleason, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Crowder, for purchase of approximately 6 acres of filled in land adjacent to upland property on Merritts Island described as:

> In Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, and Section 3, Township 27 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for objections only if applicant will offer $25.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Coastal Petroleum Company for permission to assign a portion of Drilling Block No. 5 under Lease No. 224-B to Gulf Oil Corporation, said area to be assigned being described as follows:

> Sections 1, 2, 22, 26 and 36, Township 29 South, Range 16 East—3,200 acres;
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> Sections 6, 24 and 25, Township 29 South, Range 17 East—1,920 acres;
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> Section 30, Township 29 South, Range 18 East—640 acres;
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> Sections 6, 13, 14, 22, 23 and 26, Township 30 South, Range 17 East—3,840 acres;
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> Section 18, Township 30 South, Range 18 East—640 acres;
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> Sections 10, 11 and 12, Township 31 South, Range 17 East—1,920 acres;
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> Section 6, Township 31 South, Range 18 East—640 acres,
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> Containing a total of 12,800 acres in Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve assignment as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from S. P. Hooker with offer of fifty cents (50c) an acre annually for five-year lease on the following described land in Palm Beach County:

> E 1/2 of Section 8, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Containing 100 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize lease as applied for by Mr. Hooker at the rental offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that about a year ago the Trustees, upon approval of the County Commissioners of Nassau County, allowed coquina shell removed from certain areas along Fernandina Beach, but request is now made by the City of Fernandina Beach that the Trustees not allow removal of any shell as the Federal Government is planning certain improvements in that area and objects to shell being taken anywhere along the beach.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees do not allow removal of any shell along Fernandina Beach, Florida. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $200.00 an acre was presented from Thomas R. Rowland for purchase of

> 1.38 acres of submerged land in Lot 2, Block 2, Gorra Subdivision, Clearwater, Florida, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees accept the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Rodney Durrance, on behalf of Middle Florida Sand Company, holder of Sand Lease #468, requesting an alternate site or location on Ochlockonee River to include

> All the river bed lying within the boundary of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, Leon County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request from Middle Florida Sand Company and allow sand to be taken from the area designated. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was received from Arthur W. Cuscaden for five-year extension on Lease No. 302 covering the following described land:

NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 20 South, Range 16 East, Citrus County, Florida,

with monthly rental of $25.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize five-year extension of Lease No. 302 at the rental offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Lykes Brothers, Inc., requests that their Grazing Lease No. 325 be renewed for one year on the basis of twenty-five cents (25c) per acre per annum, covering the following described land:

Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize renewal of Lease No. 325 as requested for a period of one year. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that on September 20, 1938, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund issued a ten-year lease in favor of the State Agricultural Marketing Board covering a parcel of land described as being in

Section 9, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County;

that the lease will expire in September this year and the Marketing Board is requesting conveyance of title to the property without cost; that the market property comprises the land in Section 9 and a parcel owned by the City of Pahokee, the City having agreed to donate their property provided the Trustees will do likewise.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees grant request of the State Agricultural Marketing Board and convey title to the State land as described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Messer and Willis, on behalf of A. B. Davis, offering $750.00 an acre for

8.35 acres of submerged land in Section 4, Township 55 South, Range 41 East, Dade County,

adjacent to applicant's personal property.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer for the land described, subject to advertisement of the land for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Point Holding Company for twenty-five (25) year lease, with option for an additional twenty-five years, for use of ten acres of submerged land adjacent to and fronting upland property owned by the Company on Biscayne Bay. Offer of $600.00 annually was made for said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to lease the following described land to Point Holding Company, or Tan Investment Corp., to be used as a yacht basin, for a period of twenty-five years, with option of renewal for an additional twenty-five years, upon payment of five years rental in advance at the rate of $600.00 annually:

"Bay Bottom Land Lying North of the Seventy-ninth Street Causeway, Miami, Florida

"Commencing at the one-half Mile Post on the West Line of Section 9, Twp. 53 South, Rge. 42 East, as shown on the Map of Highway Right-of-Way of Proposed Northeast Seventy-Ninth Street Causeway, which same is recorded in Plat Book 25, at page 70 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida, run North 88° 41' 24" East 1,560.000 feet; thence North 1° 37' 08" West 55.000 feet; thence North 88° 41' 24" East 400.000 feet; thence North 1° 37' 08" West 124.730 feet to the P. C. of a curve to the right; thence by curve to the right having a radius of 50.000 feet and a central angle of 90° 18' 32", for an arc distance of 78.809 feet to a P. T.; thence North 88° 41' 24" East 1,034.73 feet to the Point of Beginning of the following described area:

"Thence North 1° 37' 08" West 400.000 feet;
Thence North 88° 41' 24" East 1,000.000 feet;
Thence South 1° 37' 08" East 400.000 feet;
Thence South 88° 41' 24" West 1,000.000 feet

to the Point of Beginning, containing 9.18 acres more or less."

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Escambia County that the Trustees cancel Homestead Entry, Escambia County No. 5—C, covering 40 acres of land in Section 37, Township 2 South, Range 31 West, Joseph Pol Grant, explanation being made that the applicant, Lamar W. Clements, desired to purchase the land outright; that the application covered County owned land and the County Commissioners recommend that the Trustees rescind action taken February 3, 1948, and cancel homestead entry in favor of Mr. Clements.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees grant request and cancel Homestead Entry, Escambia County No. 5—C. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot submitted the following report dated June 10, 1948, on request of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District that the Trustees join in a certain suit as referred to in the report:

June 10, 1948

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
of the State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sirs:

On March 30th last, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund had under consideration request of Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District that said Trustees join with said District in a certain suit to eject alleged trespassers from the right of way of Miami Canal in Dade County, and for determining the rights of the District with respect to right of ways along the several Everglades drainage canals.

The action of the Trustees was that consideration of the matter be postponed for a period of sixty days and directed that the Secretary and Engineer of the Trustees examine the premises and submit report on the subject. In accordance with directive as above, I examined the premises on April 30th, discussed the subject with the Chairman of the District's Commissioners and the Chief Engnieer, and report as follows:

POLICY OF THE TRUSTEES WITH RESPECT TO RIGHT OF WAY FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES

In pursuance of an Act of Congress of 1850, known as the Swamp and Overflowed Land Grant Act, patent to the land comprising the Everglades, embracing an estimated area of 2,862,080 acres, was issued by the United States in favor of Florida in 1903, and in 1905 initial steps were taken by the Trustees for reclamation in the Everglades.

Canal construction began in 1906. Among necessary things in connection with the work was acquisition of right of ways for canals passing through land privately owned, of which there was then but little, and providing for right of way through land, title to which was in the State. As State land was conveyed into private ownership from time to time, provision for right of way was made through reservations for canal purposes in deeds. For the first five or six years provision for right of way in the form of reservations followed no uniform pattern with respect to width, but as needs became clearer, a standard width of 260 feet, lying 130 feet each side of the center line of any canal constructed or to be constructed, was reserved as right of way in practically all deeds issued by said Trustees. Practice of the Trustees growing into a policy in reference to right of way for drainage canals is illustrated by the following:

By Resolution October 2, 1905, the Trustees as the Drainage Commissioners of the State of Florida resolved that:

> " . . . the Drainage Commission . . . shall have the right of way through any and all lands which were conveyed to the State of Florida by the United States government, under the act of September 28, 1850, that are now held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, or as to which any reservation has been made in deeds of conveyance by the said Trustees . . . "

Resolution April 6, 1908 in reference to sale of lands in Sections 3, 4 and 10 of Township 53 South, Range 40 East, contains the following:

> "A canal right of way 300 feet in width to be hereafter located by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund wherever the same may be deemed best in their judgment, is hereby reserved from said negotiations."

By Resolution April 16, 1910, in specifications for clearing right of way:

> "Along any canal where there is timber, all standing trees shall be removed for a distance of at least 100 feet on each side of the center line at the expense of the contractor. The timber thus removed may be used by the contractor for fuel, if he so desires."

By Resolution August 9, 1911, Trustees directed:

> "that in future all deeds to lands executed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida shall contain a clause reserving from the land so deeded 130 feet each side of any canal . . . "

In pursuance of said resolution, the Trustees inserted in their deeds of conveyance the following reservations for canal purposes:

> "Saving and Reserving unto the said, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and their successors, the right at any time to enter upon the said lands and make or cause to be made and constructed thereon such canals, cuts, sluiceways, dikes and other works as may in the judgment of the said Trustees, or their successors, be necessary and needful for the drainage or reclamation of any of the lands granted to the State of Florida by Act of Congress approved September 28, 1850, and to own exclusively all rock, stone, gravel, earth or other material excavated from the works aforesaid, and to appropriate or dispose of the same, or any part thereof, as they see fit.
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> "And Further Saving and Reserving unto the said, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, the right to the exclusive possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of a strip of land running across the above described premises, one hundred and thirty feet on each side of the center line of any canal, sluice-way or dyke that may be made and constructed on said land by the said Trustees of the said Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, or their successors, for the purpose aforesaid and the exclusive right to take, use, sell, dispose

of and enjoy any timber, earth, stone, rock or gravel lying in or upon said strip of land."

With respect to right of way along Miami Canal in Dade County, the Trustees on July 14, 1915, took action as follows:

"That for the purpose of aiding the County of Dade in locating and constructing hard surfaced roads within the said County along the routes of the certain drainage canals known and designated as the 'Miami Canal' and the 'South New River Canal', the Trustees do hereby give and grant unto the said Board the privilege of locating and constructing upon any lands owned by the Trustees hard surfaced roads on the east side of the Miami Canal and upon the south side of the South New River Canal, with the express understanding and agreement that the said hard surfaced roads shall not be located and constructed or any part thereof located and constructed within sixty feet of the outer edge of the east side of the Miami Canal, or the south side of the South New River Canal, but that the boundary of the right of way of the said hard surfaced roads nearest to the said canals shall be sixty feet from the outer edge of the said canals and the right of way of such roads shall not extend a distance exceeding thirty feet from said sixty feet from the outer edge of said canal banks at any point along the said banks."

The suit in which the Trustees are requested to join includes part of the area along Miami Canal referred to in the right of way grant for road purposes to Dade County.

On December 3, 1917, the Trustees took action as follows:

"In considering the matter of the sale of lands along the canals in the Everglades Drainage District, the Trustees decided that parties purchasing said lands be required to pay for the acreage included in the area reserved for the right of way of said canals, the Trustees reserving to themselves and for the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District the easement of the land located in said right of way so reserved."

Action of Trustees of December 3, 1917, has not been strictly adhered to in that in several instances the Trustees have conveyed title to land lying on either or both sides of a canal and computed the area for deed less the right of way, having a standard width of 130 feet each side of the center line of the canal. The action, however, indicates conformity of the Trustees to their previous action in providing for a right of way 130 feet wide each side of canal center line.

September 22, 1919, the Trustees adopted a Resolution having doubtful bearing upon the instant case, a part of which said Resolution is as follows:

> "(c) That either as lessees or as owner, the Sugar Company shall have the right to use any portion of the lands abutting on any canal which under the deed above recited is reserved to the State of Florida which Sugar Company may deem necessary for buildings, docks, roads, etc. or which it may deem necessary in the development and cultivation of said premises and in the erection thereon of sugar mills and other necessary structures."

That appearing in the last named Resolution is reported to be the basis on which certain defendants undertake to establish their right to occupy the canal bank. My information is that the lands included in the suit are not those to which the Resolution has reference.

On September 14, 1932, the Trustees took action consenting to assignment by Dade County in favor of the State Road Department of the rights conveyed in 1915 by said Trustees to said County in connection with road right of way along the north side of Miami Canal and the south side of South New River Canal, it being remembered that at the time right of way was granted to Dade County, said County included the area along South New River Canal prior to the time the creation of Broward County became effective in October 1915.

Many other references of similar character could be cited, but the foregoing is sufficient to disclose the fixed intention and continuing policy of the Trustees to provide right of ways for Everglades canals. I do not find in the records of

the Trustees continuing permit, license or consent to any one for occupying the banks of Miami Canal in Dade County other than certain permits to Dade County for bridges, to City of Miami for pipe line crossing, and to S. A. L. Railway for bridge.

CONVEYANCE OF RIGHT OF WAY BY TRUSTEES TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT

The personnel composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund also composed the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District till in 1929, when, by Act of the Legislature, five additional members residing in the local area were added to its governing board, and by Act of the Legislature in 1931 the Trustees were finally relieved of all official duties relating to Everglades Drainage District and were no longer Members of its governing Board.

From 1931 till about 1940 the District was engulfed in continuous bond and debt litigation, and the Trustees believing that the District's works and the right of way on which located would be less affected by and more secure against unpredictable results of such litigation if title to right of way remained in them, the said Trustees retained title to all right of way. In 1941 the District began recovering from its bond ailments and debt vicissitudes, and in order that the District might have possession of and exercise complete control over right of way essential for the protection, maintenance and operation of the drainage works, the Trustees in 1943 executed and delivered to Everglades Drainage District instruments conveying all right of way in the hands of said Trustees along all Everglades drainage canals with the exception of Caloosahatchee Canal and River, which had been taken over by the Federal Government as a waterway of the United States. Right of way conveyed to the District was in three categories as follows:

First: Right of way along the canals passing through land title to which was then in the Trustees.

Second: Right of way along canals passing through lands which the Trustees had

previously conveyed into private ownership in the deeds to which there were reservations for right of way.

Third: Deeds conveying to the District all lands acquired for right of way which had been purchased by the Trustees from private persons.

By such conveyance, the Trustees transferred to Everglades Drainage District all of the rights which the Trustees had previously exercised over such right of ways. Thereby Everglades Drainage District was in position to administer and control its right of ways under authority of applicable law.

SITUATION ALONG MIAMI CANAL IN DADE COUNTY

During the past several years many persons without license have occupied parts of the right of way along Miami Canal in Dade County and elsewhere. Upon request of Everglades Drainage District to vacate such right of way or to desist from building thereon, alleged trespassers have refused so to do. Literally hundreds of buildings along Miami Canal in Dade County have been erected within the canal right of way as permanent structures. In many locations such structures fairly line canal banks so as to make impractical the maintenance and improvement of the canal essential to the reclamation of the land. The greater number of these buildings are on the very edge of the canal, occupying a strip 30 to 40 feet wide between the canal and the state highway, often with their unsightly back-sides bared to the amazed gaze of passers by. The shortsightedness displayed in obstructing a main drainage canal on which the locality depends for the reclamation of the land, for protection against flood, for insurance against pestilence, and for their general well-being is an open invitation to disaster. Just a few months ago, in 1947, the inhabitants suffered disaster from high water; yet clogging the right of way goes on at an accelerated pace. And all that in the face of opportunity now afforded for great accomplishment in flood control through Federal aid for which many of these trespassers loudly cry, while at the same time doing that which obstructs its accomplishment. Unless the right of way is cleared to

permit maintenance of the canal, it will ultimately become useless and will have to be abandoned. To relieve the situation, the District has brought suit against alleged trespassers.

AS TO WHETHER TRUSTEES SHOULD BECOME PARTIES IN A SUIT BY THE DISTRICT FOR EJECTING TRESPASSERS FROM CANAL RIGHT OF WAY AND FOR ESTABLISHING DISTRICT CONTROL OVER THE SAME

To assist in prosecuting its suit, the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District requested the Trustees to join them in such suit on the theory that the Trustees still have an interest or equity in right of ways for Everglades drainage canals. Since 1931 the Trustees have had no official duties in connection with Everglades Drainage District. Said Trustees hold title to much land in the District, and just as any other land owner, pay drainage district taxes upon said land. They are merely land owners and tax payers. As already pointed out, the Trustees by proper conveyance transferred to the District either the title or use right to all right of ways held by said Trustees. By so doing, the Trustees acquitted themselves of all responsibility and authority relating thereto. It does not appear that there is direct connection in this suit between the Trustees and the alleged trespassers.

The Trustees naturally have a deep interest in the welfare of the Everglades. In the early days the Trustees fathered that great reclamation project. They have invested more than Seven and One-half Million Dollars of State money in it, both as taxes and outright grants, of which nearly Two Million Dollars was from the sale of land outside of the District, have contributed thousands of acres of land, and have aided materially in other ways throughout the forty-three years of the District's life, and will continue so to do. The interest of the Trustees lies in the continued development of the area as a great asset to the State affecting the economic life of its people. That kind of interest is well established and is perfectly clear. But the proposition of legal equity and proprietory interest in right of ways which have passed out

of their control is another matter. It may be that the Trustees have some sort of equity in right of ways of Everglades Drainage District, but I am unable to state what that equity may be in such definite terms as to lay a clear predicate. But even if the Trustees are unable to find sound grounds of equity, of trespass, or damages suffered, or other grounds which would justify taking part in the District's litigation, and for that reason do not, grounds of the District in its own behalf are so clear, and the necessity for the well being of its inhabitants so great that it is scarcely conceivable that something so essential to the public interest cannot be resolved in favor of their protection. Even where the District has no right of way instrument from the Trustees or from some other source, it seems to me that as a public agency created by statute and charged with certain work and with certain duties, it has acquired through long possession and use a prescriptive right to right of ways through private holdings as a necessary part of its function.

The foregoing is presented in order that the Trustees may have information toward assisting in deciding whether or not they will acquiesce in the request of Everglades Drainage District to take part in its suit to eject right of way trespassers, and for determining the rights of the District with respect to right of ways along the canals. I have endeavored to set forth pertinent information taken from the records of the Trustees, and along with it have injected my own comments. I have considered the request of the District and I have tried to analyze the situation pro and con. Frankly, I am not certain what recommendation ought to be made, but I am inclined to the negative.

Respectfully,

(Signed)
F. C. ELLIOT
Engineer and Secretary.

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A copy of the report having been furnished each member, and upon discussion of the information furnished, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees do not join in the suit as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries and necessary and regular expense for the month of June and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment thereof:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	$ 508.33
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Taxes & Records	225.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	277.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent	50.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	350.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary	235.00
T. T. Turnbull, Assistant Attorney	400.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	180.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	50.00
Ruth N. Landers, Maid	20.00
Parker, Foster & Wigginton, Tallahassee, Fla. Expenses	17.28
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	11.95
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.35
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	10.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	103.20
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	4.48
Julius F. Parker, Tallahassee, Fla. Expenses	175.11
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Fla. Expenses incurred on trip to Camp Gordon Johnson to inspect land for Trustees	9.68
Sinclair Wells, Tallahassee, Fla. Expenses incurred as Land Agent for Trustees	133.42
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To Principal of State School Fund under Sections 270-12-13-14 F. S. 1941	5,726.86
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida To State Board of Conservation for Oyster Conservation Fund under Chap. 24121 of 1945	958.96
Ausley, Collins and Truett Tallahassee, Florida Legal fee—case of Watson vs. Caldwell and Watson vs. Larson	7,500.00
Ausley, Collins and Truett Tallahassee, Florida	
Expenses—case of Watson vs. Caldwell	32.18
Expenses—case of Watson vs. Larson	381.24
TOTAL	$17,861.04

Financial Statements for the month of May are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1948

Balance as of May 1, 1948		1,275,003.73
Land Sales	19,549.38	
Land Sales—Chap. 14572—Sarasota County	1,550.00	
Examination of Record & Q C Deed Orange County Land	5.00	
1947 Tax Refund—Account #18780	265.94	
Interest on Contracts	23.38	
Sale of Trustee Minutes	1.00	
5 Year Campsite & General Lease	45.35	
Grazing Leases	702.51	
Timber Leases	1,850.55	
Mineral Lease	25.00	
Miscellaneous Leases	110.37	
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases	1,745.41	
Farm Lease	1,186.20	
Total Receipts		27,060.09
TOTAL		1,302,063.82
Less Disbursements for the month		15,276.78
Balance as of May 31, 1948		1,286,787.04

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1948

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
5-10-48	227912	F. C. Elliot	$ 29.28
	227913	University of Fla. Law Review	125.00
	227914	ST Trans. to Prin. St. School Fund	8,004.63
	227915	St. Bd. of Conservation for Oyster Conservation Fund	4,253.85
5-20-48	240550	F. C. Elliot	45.55
	240548	Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.49
	240549	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	241843	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	3.85
5-31-48	210590	F. C. Elliot	411.51
	210591	M. O. Barco	172.45
	210592	Jentye Dedge	247.60
	210593	W. B. Granger	47.50
	210594	A. C. Bridges	297.10
	210595	Julius F. Parker	448.70

210596	Geraldine Davis	224.90
210597	T. T. Turnbull	347.00
210598	Bonnie G. Shelfer	152.10
210599	Sinclair Wells	47.50
210600	Ruth N. Landers	20.00
	5% Retirement Fund	68.17
	Withholding Tax	310.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1948		15,276.78

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of May 1, 1948	3,715.00
Receipts for the Month	3,715.00
TOTAL	7,430.00
Less Disbursements for the Month	5,173.83
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1948	2,256.17

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of May 1, 1948	73,102.72
Receipts for the Month	13,638.04
TOTAL	86,740.76
Less Disbursements for the Month	16,221.37
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1948	70,519.39

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1948

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
5-6-48	225462	State Treasurer—Tr. to G. R.	15,000.00
5-12-48	230170	Rose Printing Co.	2.50
	230171	Southeastern Telephone Co.	8.85
	230172	The H & W B Drew Co.	7.50
	230173	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	139.52
5-19-48	238755	A. W. Brittle, Jr.	40.00
5-31-48	210381	Ernest Hewitt	301.00
	210382	J. R. Roberts	204.85
	210383	M. O. Barco	23.75
	210384	Jentye Dedge	28.00
	210385	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	210386	Elizabeth Goode	160.40

210387	Mary Clare Pichard	178.20
	5% Retirement Fund	24.50
	Withholding Tax	54.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1948		16,221.37

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for land under Chapter 18296 with information that the bids are regular in all respects and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Charlotte	4/5/48	1
Dade	5/28/48	2
Escambia	6/7/48	3
Gadsden	5/31/48	1
Gadsden	6/8/48	1
Jackson	5/31/48	3
Lake	6/14/48	8
Liberty	4/30/48	3
Manatee	6/7/48	3
Martin	6/7/48	2
Monroe	6/11/48	91
Nassau	6/14/48	1
Okeechobee	1/26/48	1
Orange	6/7/48	2
Osceola	5/24/48	1
Palm Beach	6/11/48	7
Pasco	6/7/48	3
Pinellas	6/1/48	168
Polk	5/31/48	4
Polk	5/28/48	1
Putnam	6/5/48	9
St. Lucie	6/7/48	12
Sarasota	6/3/48	22
Taylor	5/28/48	1
Volusia	6/7/48	22

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented three applications for correction

deeds, all having been approved for issuance by the Attorney General's office, and it was recommended that deeds be authorized.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the issuance of the following correction deeds:

Broward County Deed No. 2254-COR. to Injunction, Inc. for correcting description in original deed by inserting names of subdivisions;

Broward County Deed No. 2190-EDDJ-COR. to S. A. Calder for the purpose of giving the plat book and page number where plat of subdivision is recorded;

Palm Beach County Deed (Pt) No. 704-COR. to Harold A. Turner and Frank H. Seely, Jr., as Trustees for the Kiwanis Club of Delray Beach, Florida, for the purpose of enumerating lots in a re-subdivision.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented from the State Road Department for easements across Murphy Act land in Calhoun and Pinellas Counties to be used for borrow pit and right of way purposes in connection with State roads.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize issuance of easements in favor of the State Road Department as follows:

Calhoun County—Right of Way through one acre in Southwest corner of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 9 West, lying within 35 feet of the center line of State Road #71—Sec. 4702, and that part beginning at Southwest corner of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 9 West, thence North, East, South and West, 70 yards (each direction) to beginning, lying within 35 feet of the center line of State Road #71;

Pinellas County—Borrow Pit through a certain part of Lots 10, 14 and 17, Block 92, Revised Map of Oldsmar, lying within 15 feet of the center line of ditch, containing 0.14 of an acre, more or less—State Road #580—Sec. 1505. (Detailed description given in easement.)

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees decline request from Seth Dekle, on behalf of Highland Pines Corporation, for release of oil and mineral rights reserved in Hillsborough County Deed No. 08-Chap. 21684 to Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District, as it applies to W 1/2 of Lot 6, Block 1—Virginia Terrace Subdivision. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Two applications were presented from Hardee County for reduction of base bid on the following described tracts of land:

Mrs. G. E. Springer—

28 Lots in Block 19; 28 Lots in Block 24; 32 Lots in Block 25; 32 Lots in Block 28; Comprising 120 lots, or 7 acres, in Bowling Green Center S/D
1/4 1932 assessed value—$150.00; Offer of $120.00;

Nick Massini—

23 Lots in Block 12, Bowling Green Center S/D
Approximately 1 acre
1/4 1932 assessed value—$32.50; Offer of $20.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline the offers made for the land and make counter proposal to advertise the land for sale with base bid equal to ninety (90) per cent of regular base bid under the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from G. W. Barnes for reduction in base bid with offer of $50.00 for

3 parcels of land in Section 29, Township 34 South, Range 18 East, Manatee County—1932 assessed value—$560.00.

Information was furnished that in 1932 there was a building on the property, but it has been removed and the land is vacant.

Upon recommendation from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees allow the land advertised with base bid of $100.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from C. E. Douglas for reduction in base bid applying to the following land in Sumter County:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 5, Webster—Section 6, Township 22 South, Range 23 East.

Information was furnished that in 1932 the asssesed value of the property was $250.00, which included a house. Since that time the house has burned, and in 1948 the lots were assessed at $50.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees authorize the lots advertised with a base bid of $25.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Requests were presented from Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Flagler, Hillsborough, Marion and Sumter Counties that the Trustees approve cancellation of tax certificates erroneously certified under Chapter 18296. Mr. Elliot reported that the Attorney General's office had approved disclaiming interest in said certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim interest in those certificates approved by the Attorney General's office. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries under Chapter 18296 for the month of June, 1948, and request the Comptroller to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	$ 315.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	225.00
M. O. Barco, Sec., Land, Clerk & Records	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec., Clerk, Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	50.00
Elizabeth M. Goode, Clerk-Bookkeeper	190.00
Mary Clare Pichard, Secretary	190.00
TOTAL	$1023.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
June 29, 1948

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, Offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.
C. M. Gay, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney, advising that the Supreme Court of Florida has denied the petition of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for rehearing in the suit instituted by South Florida Conservancy District for collection of taxes on land owned by the State Board of Education in that district and used by Everglades Agricultural Experiment Station. Copy of peremptory writ of mandamus was inclosed, by which the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are commanded to pay taxes for the years 1935 to 1946, both inclusive, on lands of the State School Fund used by the University of Florida for its branch agricultural station, known as Everglades Agricultural Experiment Station, located in Sections 3 and 10, Township 44 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County. Said writ also required that the Trustees make known to the Supreme Court by 10 o'clock A. M., July 5, 1948, how the commands of the Court have been obeyed.

Upon discussion of the subject, Mr. Parker was requested to notify the Supreme Court that the matter would be taken up and decided at a meeting of the Trustees to be held two weeks from this date. It was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported that the United States Geological Survey proposes to continue the cooperative water investigation for another year and desires that the Trustees participate in same manner as last year. $4,000.00 was made available last year, of which $3,715.00 has been expended to June 1, 1948. The agreement heretofore entered into was that State and local interests agreed to contribute

$8,000.00 and the Federal Government matched that amount. It was recommended that the cooperative agreement be continued for next fiscal year on the same basis.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, that the Trustees agree to make available $4,000.00 for the year ending June 30, 1949, for water investigation under the direction of the United States Geological Survey, conditioned that this amount will be matched by local interests with the Federal Government making available an amount equal to the combined State and local contributions. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees, through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931, acquired land in the District, redemption of which was erroneously allowed by Clerks of the Circuit Courts. The Drainage District has agreed to reimburse the Trustees for amounts received from erroneous redemption. Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees accept from the District the amount received for redemption and, by the person claiming to have title, amount of taxes paid by the Trustees, and when both amounts have been paid the Trustees issue quitclaim deed to the person claiming title.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Elliot and adopt it as the action of the board. Upon vote the motion was carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve following necessary and regular expenses and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

W. T. Hull, C. C. C. Hendry County LaBelle, Florida—Recording Fee	$ 1.50
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Florida Office expenses—moving records from storeroom to new wing of capitol	23.61
TOTAL	$25.11

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, with information that said bids are regular in all respects and are submitted for consideration:

County	Date of Sale	Number of Bids
Dade	6/16/48	18
Hillsborough	6/22/48	19
Indian River	6/21/48	6
Pinellas	6/15/48	132

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from H. M. Forman for deed to correct description in original Broward County Deed #137 by inserting reference to the plat of subdivision in which the parcels are located. Information was furnished that the Attorney General's office had approved issuance of the deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deed:

Broward County Deed #137-COR. to H. M. Forman and B. C. Forman, his wife.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon consideration of request from Lee County, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Lee County Q. C. Deed #214 to Irma Jean Montgomery, the State Road Department having approved release of the State road right of way reserved in original deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from J. C. Adkins of Gainesville, Florida, on behalf of M. P. Summers of High Springs, for reduction in base bid to $1.00 an acre on the following described land in Alachua County:

NW 1/4 of SE 1/4; NE 1/4 of SE 1/4; SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 8 South, Range 17 East—120 acres.

Information was furnished that this land was subdivided in 1926 during the boom, has never been developed and has been inclosed with fence of Mr. Summers and claimed by him for years; that the base bid under the 1932 assessed value is $14,400.00.

Upon recommendation of the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised with base bid of $330.00, which is one-half of the 1947 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $30.00 was presented from O. G. Exline for purchase of

Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 50, Revised Plat of Indian River City, Section 22, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, Brevard County.

Information was furnished that the base bid under the 1932 assessed value is $350.00, but two buildings on the property at that time have since been destroyed and there are no improvements.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer and authorize the land advertised with base bid of $20.00 per lot, or a total of $60.00, provided Mr. Exline will make such offer to the Clerk for the lots. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Ralph W. Todd of Eustis, Florida, to purchase the following described land:

Lots 2 to 9, inclusive, Block 14—Mt. Plymouth, Lake County,

with request that the base bid be reduced for the reason that when the property was assessed in 1932, with a valuation of $2100.00, there was a house on the land, which house has since been destroyed by fire.

Upon recommendation of the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the lots advertised with base bid of $125.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported as information, transfer of $10,000.00 from June receipts under Chapter 18296 to General Revenue as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
For transfer to General Revenue.....$10,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,
Governor—Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

JULY 1, 1946 TO JUNE 30, 1948

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand July 1, 1946	$179,924.01
Cash Land Sales	759,462.23
Total Balance and Receipts	$939,386.24

DISBURSEMENTS

Operating Expenses:			
Salaries	$ 27,357.82		
Expenses	2,921.61		
Total Operating Expenses		$ 30,279.43	
Non-Operating Expenses:			
Refunds	$ 2,353.00		
Remittances:			
General Revenue Fund	855,000.00		
Total Non-Operating Expenses		857,353.00	
Total Operating and Non-Operating Expenses			$887,632.43
CASH ON HAND JUNE 30, 1948			$ 51,753.81

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS UNDER UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY COOPERATIVE ACCOUNT.

JULY 1, 1946 TO JUNE 30, 1948

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1946	$ 2,891.05
Receipts During the Period	14,760.00
Total Balance and Receipts	17,651.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Operating Expenses:	
Cost of Work Performed by United States Geological Survey Engineers	15,394.88
Balance on Hand June 30, 1948	$2,256.17

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JULY 1, 1946 TO JUNE 30, 1948

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand July 1, 1946			$678,123.82
Chapter 610 Acts of 1855			
LAND CONTRACTS & MORTGAGE SALES			
Chapter 610 Acts of 1855:			
Payments on Contracts	$456,256.04		
Payments on Mortgage Sales	18,345.69		
Payments on Mortgage Assignments	3,057.72		
Chapter 14717 Acts of 1931:			
Payments on Contracts	335.66		
Chapter 14572 Acts of 1929:			
Payments on Contracts	232.23	478,227.34	
CASH LAND SALES			
Chapter 610 Acts of 1855:			
Cash Sales	161,055.45		
Chapter 14717 Acts of 1931:			
Cash Sales	55,644.60		
Chapter 14572 Acts of 1929:			
Cash Sales	6,533.62	223,233.67	
LAND LEASES			
Chapter 610 Acts of 1855:			
Cash Leases	427,976.78		
Chapter 14717 Acts of 1931:			
Cash Leases	100.00	428,076.78	
PURCHASE OPTIONS			
Cash in Escrow		10,119.60	
LAND CONTRACTS, TAXES RECEIVABLE			
Payments on Taxes		55,301.64	
Interest on Defaults		9,281.74	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
Sale of Trustees Minutes	51.00		
Issuing Quitclaim Deeds	5.00		

Sale of Maps	6.00		
Refund of Expenses	665.05		
Refund of Taxes	14.30	741.35	
Transfer from Petroleum Oil and/or Gas Exploration Fund		61,159.89	
Total Receipts for the Period			$1,266,142.01
Total Balance Brought Forward & Receipts			$1,944,265.83

DISBURSEMENTS

OPERATING EXPENSE			
Salaries, Secretary's Office	$ 38,482.15		
Salaries, Legal Department	25,140.00		
Total Salaries		$63,622.15	
Expense, Secretary's Office	6,429.01		
Expense, Legal Department	4,647.21		
Expense, Special Attorney's Fees	13,500.00		
Total Expense		24,576.22	
NON-OPERATING EXPENSE			
Refunds of Revenue	7,135.26		
Drainage Taxes	168,381.49		
Ramie Project	10,876.78		
Special Land Survey	1,248.13		
Remittances:			
Principal of State School Fund	254,349.67		
General Revenue Fund	28,026.72		
Furnishing New Wing of Capitol	37,659.57		
Alterations New Wing of Capitol	6,975.07		
State Board of Conservation	10,719.01		
Florida State Farm No. 2	7,625.00		
U. S. G. S. Cooperative Account	7,380.00		
Total Non-Operating		$540,376.70	
Total Disbursements			$ 628,575.07
Balance on Hand June 30, 1948			$1,315,690.76

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